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Brezhnev holds out hope of nuclear missile cuts

BONN, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — The possibility of nuclear missile reductions was held out by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev during a third round of meetings Tuesday with West German leader but sharp public clashes between West German and Soviet spokesmen suggested that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had failed to dent Brezhnev's mistrust of the Reagan administration.

A West German spokesman said Schmidt, Brezhnev's main partner in the talks, saw little new in the Soviet proposals so far.

The Soviet leader announced Monday night what he called "a new, an important element in our position" for arms control talks with the United States beginning Monday in Geneva.

In a dinner speech, Brezhnev repeated his suggestion for a moratorium on improving medium-range nuclear rockets in Europe or basing new ones on the continent while the Geneva talks are going on. He confirmed his good will saying could unilaterally eliminate a certain portion of medium-range nuclear weapons on the European part of the USSR.

His remark left unanswered questions on what exactly would happen to the missiles. The mobile SS-20s, thought to be the most potent weapons in the Soviet's European-range arsenal, could simply move into the middle of the Soviet Asia territory.

Western defense experts believe the SS-20s could also reach some targets in Western Europe from launch pads in Soviet Asia.

Asked by a reporter what would happen in such a "freeze" of weaponry, Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin responded in jest: "In any case they will not go into your refrigerator."

The fate of the 250 SS-20s which the Soviets have aimed at NATO countries will depend on the outcome of the talks with the United States, Zamyatin said.

Schmidt, who met for more than five hours

Monday with Brezhnev, rejected the moratorium idea, which would leave some 975 Soviet medium-range missiles in place while the West would have none.

NATO plans call for stationing of U.S.-made nuclear missiles in Europe as a counterforce, but the deployment would not begin until late 1983.

Government spokesman Kurt Becker said the Chancellor saw no major changes in the Soviet position with Brezhnev's dinner speech. He said Schmidt "has actually taken over the function of an interpreter" between his American allies and the Soviet Union.

"The chancellor hopes that the secretary-general (Brezhnev) with greater trust meets the United States' willingness to negotiate," Becker said.

The angry exchanges between Becker and Zamyatin reinforced the impression that the two leaders made little progress bridging East-West differences, particularly over nuclear arms in Europe.

Becker told a joint press conference that the chancellor tried hard at a private meeting with the Soviet leader last night to persuade Brezhnev that President Reagan was seriously interested in disarmament negotiations.

"It has become clear that the Soviet leadership has not correctly assessed the intentions of the American administration," Becker said.

Zamyatin, a senior Communist Party official who regularly acts as spokesman for Brezhnev on his foreign trips, immediately contradicted him.

"If the West German side has drawn such a conclusion from the talks, then it is wrong in its assessment of the Soviet position towards the United States," Zamyatin said.

His key comment was seen as confirmation that Schmidt's efforts to act as interpreter of U.S. policy made little impression on his Kremlin guests.

The atmosphere at the press conference became acrimonious when Zamyatin took exception to a compliment by Becker about the "physical assurance" with which the 74-year-old Soviet leader had carried out a taxing program.

Zamyatin retorted that the Soviet Party leader was in good health and that Becker's remark was "not correct."

It was not clear whether the Soviet spokesman had misunderstood Becker or had chosen to regard the remark as out of place.

"I am using my right of reply and defending the Soviet position. You may not like it, gentlemen," he said.



OIL GLUT FADES: Minister of Petroleum Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, right, said that the current world oil glut will only be temporary; he was speaking during a three-day seminar sponsored in Vienna, by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Left to right, Tayeb Abdul-Karim of Iraq, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria and Sheikh Yamani.

OPEC seminar Yamani sees end to glut

VIENNA, Nov. 24 (R) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani warned consumers Tuesday that the current glut on world oil markets could come to an end with a "jarring shock."

The oil surplus does not mean an end to the world's energy crisis, Sheikh Yamani told a seminar sponsored by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) here.

Although he did not indicate in his remarks when he expected the glut to end, two other OPEC oil ministers at the seminar — Dr. Subroto of Indonesia and Tayeb Abdul-Karim of Iraq — told reporters it could dry up by mid-1982.

Yamani told the opening session of the three-day seminar that oil would long continue to be the world's most important energy source and OPEC its main exporter.

"The existing oil surplus in the market does not mean an end to the energy crisis," he said, characterizing the glut as "a passing phase."

When it was over, he said, Western consumers who have been turning away from

OPEC supplies will have to return to the 13-member organization to meet their needs.

Dr. Subroto the current OPEC president, said the glut should end by mid-1982 because of an expected upturn in the world economy and a resumption of oil stockpiling by industrial countries.

He said some OPEC members would probably also support prices buoyed by this increased demand by cutting production, although a general agreement on production levels, which has long eluded OPEC, would only come in the longer term.

Dr. Subroto said that OPEC's Long Term Strategy Committee — which had originally planned quarterly oil price rises indexed to Western inflation, foreign exchange fluctuations and real growth in the industrialized world — was now seeking a more flexible price policy.

The long term strategy, which was almost agreed last year but shelved because of the Iran-Iraq war, would have to be discussed further at a December oil ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi, the OPEC president said.

To debate Fahd plan Arab summit begins

FEZ, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — The first meeting of the 12th Arab summit conference is scheduled to open here Wednesday to draw up plans for joint Arab action in the coming year and debate the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East. The summit will last two days unless the heads of state decide to extend it by another day.

In the meantime the Arab foreign ministers who prepared the agenda for their leaders reached a unanimous decision to submit the Saudi Arabian plan to the summit as it is and without modification, Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta confirmed Tuesday.

He said that "different analyses" would accompany the plan, adding that ministers had unanimously agreed on this form of presentation. He made the statements after a four-hour meeting Tuesday of the summit's resolution committee.

(In Beirut an informed Arab diplomat

source said the monarchs and heads of state at the summit will probably set up a committee to examine the Saudi Arabian plan.)

On other matters, Boucetta said a sub-committee was sketching out a draft resolution on European participation in the Sinai multinational peacekeeping force. Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, meanwhile, "deplored" the decision announced Monday that France, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands will contribute troops to the force.

(According to the source in Beirut, the special summit committee discussing the Saudi Arabian plan would probably extend its talks for some time, since most Arab states believe it is better to hold off any major decision until next April when talks over the Sinai after Israel's final retreat.)

The question of the inclusion of the Saudi Arabian plan on the summit agenda was debated during the foreign ministerial meeting Sunday and Monday.

Boucetta also said Arab Delegates expressed their "sincere desire" that Egypt rejoin other Arab states once it has "rectified its policy" of normalization with Israel. He also said the committee had unanimously adopted a draft resolution on southern Lebanon.

At their fourth meeting Monday night the ministers discussed the Israeli acts undermining the holy mosque of Aqsa in Jerusalem and appealed to the world public opinion to stop Israel from further destruction.

They also viewed with deep concern the Israeli plan to dig a canal between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean which directly threatens the security of Jordan. They warned that they will take action against those who cooperate with Israel in carrying out the project.

The proposed American Israeli strategic alliance was discussed as one of the grave threats aimed at the Arab people.

The Organization of African Union was given observer status in the Arab League.

The heads of states of Oman, Iraq, Mauritania, Algeria, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia will not personally participate in the summit.

Fahd represents Kingdom in Fez

FEZ, Nov. 24 (SPA) : Crown Prince Fahd arrived here Tuesday to attend the 12th Arab summit opening Wednesday. His delegation includes Foreign Minister Prince Saud, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosabi, Chief of the Royal Protocol Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Wahab, Chief of Crown Prince Cabinet Sheikh Nasser Al-Rajhi, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Mansouri, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza and the Ambassador to the Arab League, Taher Radwan.

That was the best showing since the 0.1 percent increase in July 1980, during that year's depression. And the current recession, with its severe effect on housing sales and construction, undoubtedly contributed to the report that housing costs increased not at all in October.

Providing evidence of that, the new report said that overall inflation would have risen 0.7 percent in October — an annual rate of 8.4 percent — if the rental equivalent formula had been used.

All of the figures are adjusted for normal seasonal variations in pricing.

Pakistan retaliates, expels 4 India diplomats for spying

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — Pakistan Tuesday ordered the expulsion of four members of India's consulate staff on espionage charges as relations between the two countries took a new turn for the worse.

Monday India expelled three employees of the Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi, also on grounds of spying.

A Pakistani spokesman said the Indians were being expelled because they had been involved in gathering classified information on the defense and security of Pakistan.

The Indian government rejected the allegations and said the action against its four staff members was "purely propagandist and retaliatory."

Indian Ambassador K. Natwar Singh was summoned to the foreign ministry in Islamabad where secretary Zafar Islam said the four Indian officials had 72 hours to leave Pakistan.

The foreign ministry spokesman declined to go beyond a prepared statement which said three members of the Indian Consulate in Karachi and an official of the Indian Embassy Visa Office here were involved in acts "prejudicial" to Pakistan's security.

An Indian Embassy spokesman said of the allegations: "There were no specific incidents given and this is obviously a retaliatory action for the measures we took in New Delhi yesterday."

The foreign office spokesman said Pakistan also had protested to India about "the beating up of a staff member of the Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi on Nov. 22."

Haig, Portillo to discuss Nicaragua

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 24, (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig planned a private meeting with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo Tuesday to end a two-day visit marked by differences over Washington's stern rhetoric toward Nicaragua.

The subject of Nicaragua dominated an initial 45-minute exchange of views Monday between Haig and Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda on Central American problems, a State Department spokesman said.

"Clearly they were not identical views but there was a sense of common concern in the search for ways to deal with the problems of Nicaragua," spokesman Dean Fisher told reporters.

President Reagan's administration has strongly criticized Nicaragua, accusing the Sandinista government of a steady drift toward totalitarianism and complicity in a Cuban-directed flow of arms to guerrillas try-

ing to take over El Salvador. Haig added a new element to the U.S. charges, telling reporters that there was some evidence that Soviet-made MiG fighters may have arrived in Cuba destined for Nicaragua. He was also asked about a published report that Nicaraguan pilots were being trained in Bulgaria, and replied: "You don't train pilots in Eastern Europe for certain types of aircraft unless you expect to receive the aircraft." Haig's spokesman did not detail Castaneda's remarks during the meeting of the two ministers, but Mexico, a friend of both Nicaragua and Cuba, has been alarmed at U.S. suggestions that military action might be needed to halt the flow of arms into El Salvador.

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King receives three envoys

RIYADH, Nov. 24 (SPA) : King Khalid received Tuesday the credentials of the new ambassadors of Malta, Sri Lanka and Upper Volta to the Kingdom. They were: George Saliba of Malta, Muhammed Tahseen of Sri Lanka and Bamba Dhinpo of Upper Volta.

The ceremony was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of National Guard, Prince Abdullah.

Tory proposals limit strikes

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — Britain's Conservative government, carrying out an election pledge, has announced proposals to crack down on the powers of labor unions, curbing the so-called "closed shop" and limiting strikes.

The reform proposals, embodied in a 10-page document published Monday by Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit, expose unions for the first time to claims for damages of up to 250,000 pounds (\$

475,000), for acts by their officials held unlawful in the courts.

The government plans to use its majority in the House of Commons to make the proposals into law early in 1982.

The proposals were welcomed by employers' organizations and denounced as irrelevant and vindictive by union leaders.

Eric Varley, employment spokesman for the opposition Labor Party, which is funded by the unions, warned that if Labor wins power it will scrap the proposals.

Under the Tory proposal, unions would be unable to extend a strike by boycotting the goods of a company not involved in a dispute or halting its operation by "secondary picketing." Strikes over matters outside Britain would not be allowed.

Workers fired for refusing to join a union — under a "closed shop" agreement — could receive state compensation far above the present maximum of 3,900 pounds (\$7,410). The proposals suggest minimum figures up to 15,000 pounds (\$28,500), and government-appointed tribunals would have power to demand a share of the sum from the union involved.

It also would be unlawful to require contractors to use only union labor.

Britain's powerful and well-organized unions defied legislation directed at them in the last Tory government, headed by Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1970-74.

Unions affiliated with the Trades Union Congress (TUC) have 11.6 million members — about half the national work force.

TUC General Secretary Len Murray vowed that "pistol-packing" Tebbit's "attack" on the unions would be beaten off and said all the Tory proposals would do is "create friction within factories and offices and disrupt existing well-established arrangements."

The unions will not "stand idly by and see their funds plundered," Murray said.

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SR155.6m irrigation, drainage award okayed

RIYADH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Tuesday approved the awarding of SR155.6-million contract to develop an irrigation and drainage project in Jouf and Doumat Al-Jandal. The contract, won by a national company, calls for the project to cover an area of 1,600 hectares.

The project is expected to revive the agricultural movement in the area after the negative effects left by the rise in level of subterranean water. The Agriculture and Water Ministry realized the problems in the region caused by the high subterranean water levels which resulted in the increase of salt in the water formula. This had caused farmers in the region to abandon their farms, according to officials.

The proposed project, which will put an end to the farmers' problems includes the digging of 17 wells at a depth of 400 meters. Each well produce 80 liters of water per second. To control the distribution of the water produced by the wells, five collection tanks will be built. Eighty kilometers of main pipelines and 124 kilometers of sidelines will be utilized for the distribution of the water.

In addition, the project incorporates opening of main drainage canals with a total length of 103 kilometers. Besides, 24 kilometers of

storm water drainage canals will be dug to augment the network.

One such project, Ahsa Irrigation and Drainage Project Commission, proved successful as it considerably increased the cultivable land in the region. The commission, a specialized body entrusted by the Agriculture and Water Ministry to maintain, and operate the project, has developed four major drainage systems covering an area of 4,000 hectares.

By setting up experimental farms, the project provides farmers with hybrid seeds with the aim of improving production. It also offers agricultural guidance and trains natives on modern farming methods. Tractors, cultivators and other agricultural machinery are also provided to farmers by the commission. In the Qatif area alone more than 3,800 donoms of agricultural land has been reclaimed and distributed.

Dubai to host Gulf computer show

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The largest concentration of computing and world processing equipment ever assembled in the Arabian Gulf will be on show at the First Gulf



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

More telephone facilities planned

MAKKAH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — New telephone buildings are to be constructed soon in all rural areas including Layth, Qunfuzah, Sharaea and Jomum, according to Samir Dahlan, director general of regional telephone, Monday.

Computer Exhibition scheduled for Dubai Dec. 15 to 19. Forty-five stands, some representing as many as six companies, will be occupied by participants from the U.K., USA, Canada, Japan, India, Holland, Germany, France, Greece, Austria and the Gulf, at the Dubai International Trade Center, organizers of the exhibition said.

Official affirms spray harmless to humans

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The chemical agent used for pest control against mosquitoes and flies by the Municipality's Environmental Health Department here is harmless and doesn't produce adverse reactions in human beings. Adl Fida, the department's head, said Wednesday.

Fida's statement came when Arab News inquired into the matter after a resident raised the question earlier. The caller, who refused to be identified, said his daughter was coming out of school when a municipality pest control vehicle, which emitted a fog-like spray of insecticide, passed by her. He said

that later his daughter broke out in hives and had a fever for four days.

However, the municipality official said the agent is not DDT, but Neopothene — an organic compound that contains Charysanthric ester, allethrolone, five Benzyl 3, surlinethyl, biperonyn and butic oxide — and is not dangerous to humans.

"If the insecticide would have an effect on people, we would stop using it and study the situation," Fida told Arab News. He said that the municipality had been using the chemical for several years and that this is the first time he had heard that anyone thought they were

harmed from it. He added that the workers coming into contact with the substance daily have never had any problems.

The solution, which is diluted at a ratio of 1:15, could not possibly hurt anyone, Fida said. He added that the incident more than likely is a coincidence and that the girl might be suffering from hay fever or an allergy.

The municipal official suggested that if any case occurs where a resident feels the chemical has caused any personal harm, the person should see a doctor and if the doctor confirms the suspicion, then the municipality should be contacted.

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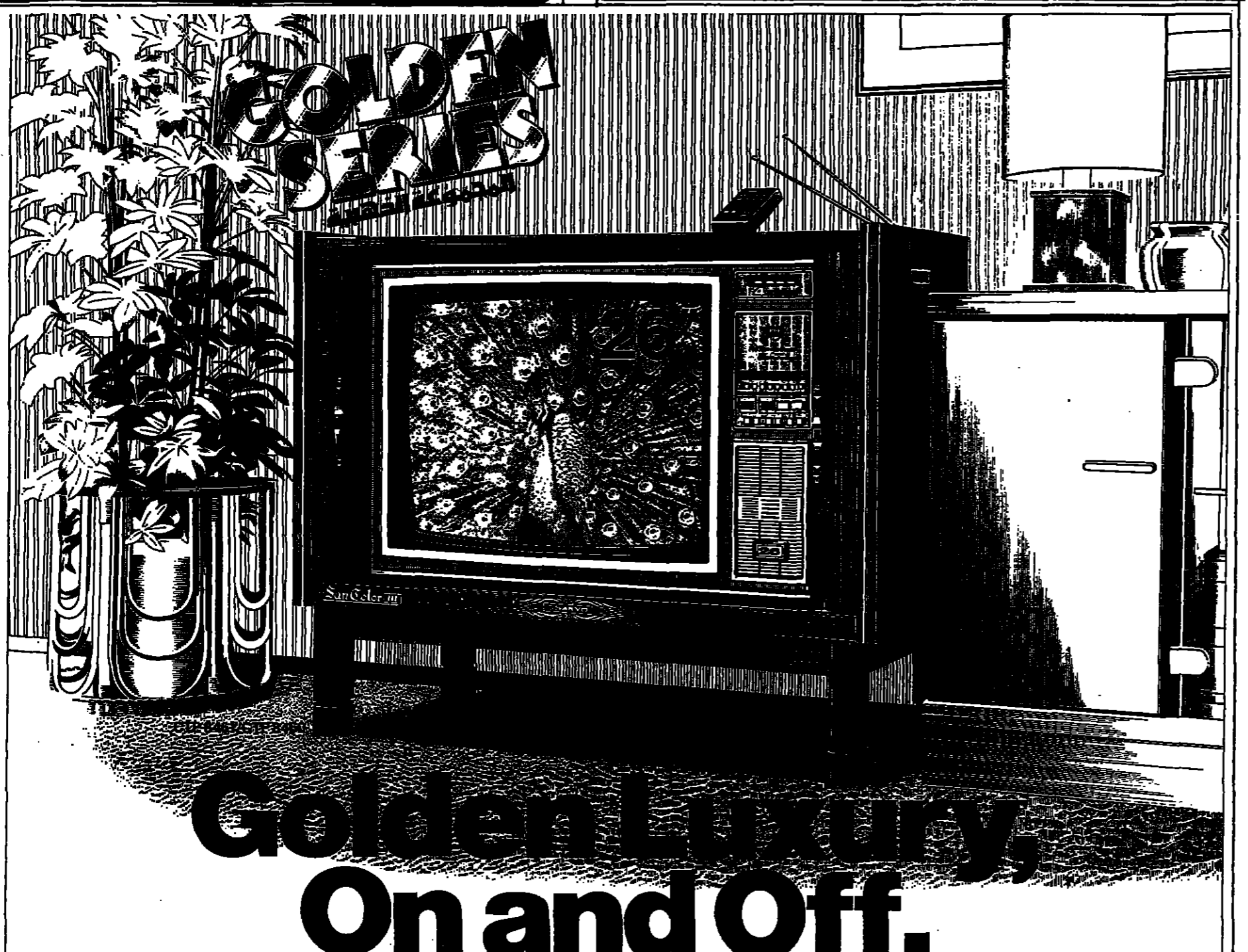
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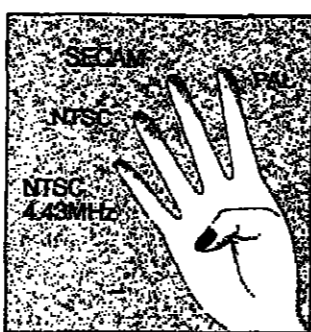


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More embassies sign plot ownership contract

RIYADH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — The United Arab Emirates, Oman and Switzerland signed land plot ownership agreements Tuesday for their future embassy sites at the proposed diplomatic enclave in Riyadh.

The three agreements were signed on behalf of the Kingdom by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, who is the chairman of the committee for the transfer of embassies and the foreign ministry. Ambassadors Ahmed Muhammad Bourhaima of the UAE; Ibrahim Al-Harhi of Oman and Andre Mailard of Switzerland signed the contracts on behalf of their governments.

The diplomatic quarter project, scheduled for completion in 1983, will accommodate all embassies accredited to the Kingdom when they are moved to the capital from their present chanceries in Jeddah. The Foreign Minis-

try will also be transferred to Riyadh during the same year. Tuesday's agreements bring the total number of ownership and lease contracts of land plots at the diplomatic quarter by foreign governments to 15, so far.

The UAE and Oman were provided with the plots free of charge on the basis of reciprocal treatment given to the Kingdom. The UAE's plot covers 6,385 sq. meters, which will accommodate the embassy chancery and ambassador's residence. Oman owns two plots under the agreement. A 3,659-sq. meter plot will be allocated for the chancery and the other 3,271 sq. meters will be the site for the ambassador's residence.

Switzerland will own a 6,360-sq. meter plot which will accommodate the chancery and the ambassador's residence. The contract's value is SR1.99 million.

Samman power plant work begins

HAFR AL-BATEN, Nov. 24 (SPA) — Work has begun on the SR238-million first phase of the Samman electricity project which will serve 10 villages, according to Jaafar Al-Hazzar manager of Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Hafir Al-Baten Region Tuesday.

He said that the first phase of the project, which is designed to serve areas as far as 220 kilometers, will be completed by the end of 1982.

Hazzar added that two additional turbine power generation plants with a combined capacity of 30 megawatts are planned for the region. Four similar plants, generating 60 megawatts, had been completed last year, he said.

The second phase of the project will be completed in 1983, providing the Hafir Al-Baten region and the Samman desert with power service, Hazzar said. He commended the government's efforts to extend electricity to remote areas in the country.

In another development, the board of the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Western Region will meet in Jeddah Wednesday to discuss the organizational rules for the company. The meeting will be chaired by the company's President Mahmoud

Postal mission due on Saturday

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — A two-member Indian postal delegation led by V.E. Arunachalam, member of the Indian Posts and Telegraph Board, will arrive here Nov. 28, as guest of the Director General (Posts) of Saudi Arabia.

During the four-day visit, the delegation will discuss with the Kingdom's P.T.T. authorities potential areas of cooperation, particularly in the field of postal consultancy, an Indian embassy spokesman said here Tuesday.

According to the spokesman, the Indian postal network is the largest in the world with 126,000 post offices and branches extending to all parts of the country. The Indian postal experience is considered to be of great relevance to the developing nations.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — King Khaled sent a cable of congratulations Tuesday to President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire on the national day of his country. The monarch wished the Zairian leader enduring health and happiness and the friendly people of Zaire lasting success and progress.

MAKKAH (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, has approved the award of a SR54.18-million contract for the implementation of the second phase of the beautification of the holy city.

BEIRUT (SPA) — The Kingdom has donated LL450,000 (SR333,000) to the King Faisal Orphanage and the Orphans' Society in Sidon. The Kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Shaer, presented a check for LL350,000 to the orphanage and another for LL100,000 to the orphans' society Monday.

JEDDAH — Turkish week has been postponed to a later date, which has not been determined yet, an official from Turkish embassy told Arab News Tuesday. No reason was given for the postponement.

Belgian minister inspects air base, technical center

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — King Abdul Aziz University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has approved and will award 15 new research projects totaling SR500,000 and dealing with a variety of subjects including mechanical, nuclear and electrical engineering as well as solar energy.

The college also recently started its fourth-year program with the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (SANCST), and is collecting research papers from the faculty members in order to select topics for research.

According to Dean Muhammad Omar Jamjoom, the college is undertaking two kinds of research-applied and Arabization. The Arabization program compiles textbooks from English language books or original Arabic language works. The Technical Arabization Center was established in February, 1979, to participate in the development and promotion of the technical potential of the Arabic language for use as a medium of engineering instruction.

The center already has collected a significant amount of information on technical Arabization efforts at various universities. A number of publications and dictionaries of Arab terminology have been received from the Bureau of Arabization in Rabat, Morocco. Proposals are on hand for the development of a unified Arab-English Engineering Dictionary, and for textbooks on a number of engineering core courses.

According to Dr. Muhammad Noor Fatani, director of the Scientific Research Administration, some of the new research projects include a study of the transfer of solar energy through pipes, a study of the characterization and evaluation of bricks used in construction projects around Jeddah; a study on how to reduce the cost of water purification; a study of the factors that affect the capability of construction in Jeddah; a

KAU approves 15 research projects

study on the degradation of material subjected to sea water in desalination plants; a study on the durability of plastic materials in the local climate and a program for a solution for the power network.

Some of the projects are new and others are a carryover from last year. In the SANCST projects, the first-year program awarded the university more than SR4.1 million for 12 research projects in the engineering field. The second program provided the college with more than SR3 million, and the third-year program provided more than SR2.4 million.

Already the college has produced a book on old Jeddah houses, which provides elabo-

rate diagrams of the structures. Other projects include a study on the stability of soil for road and airport projects, a study on chemical structures of plants used in medicine as solar cooling.

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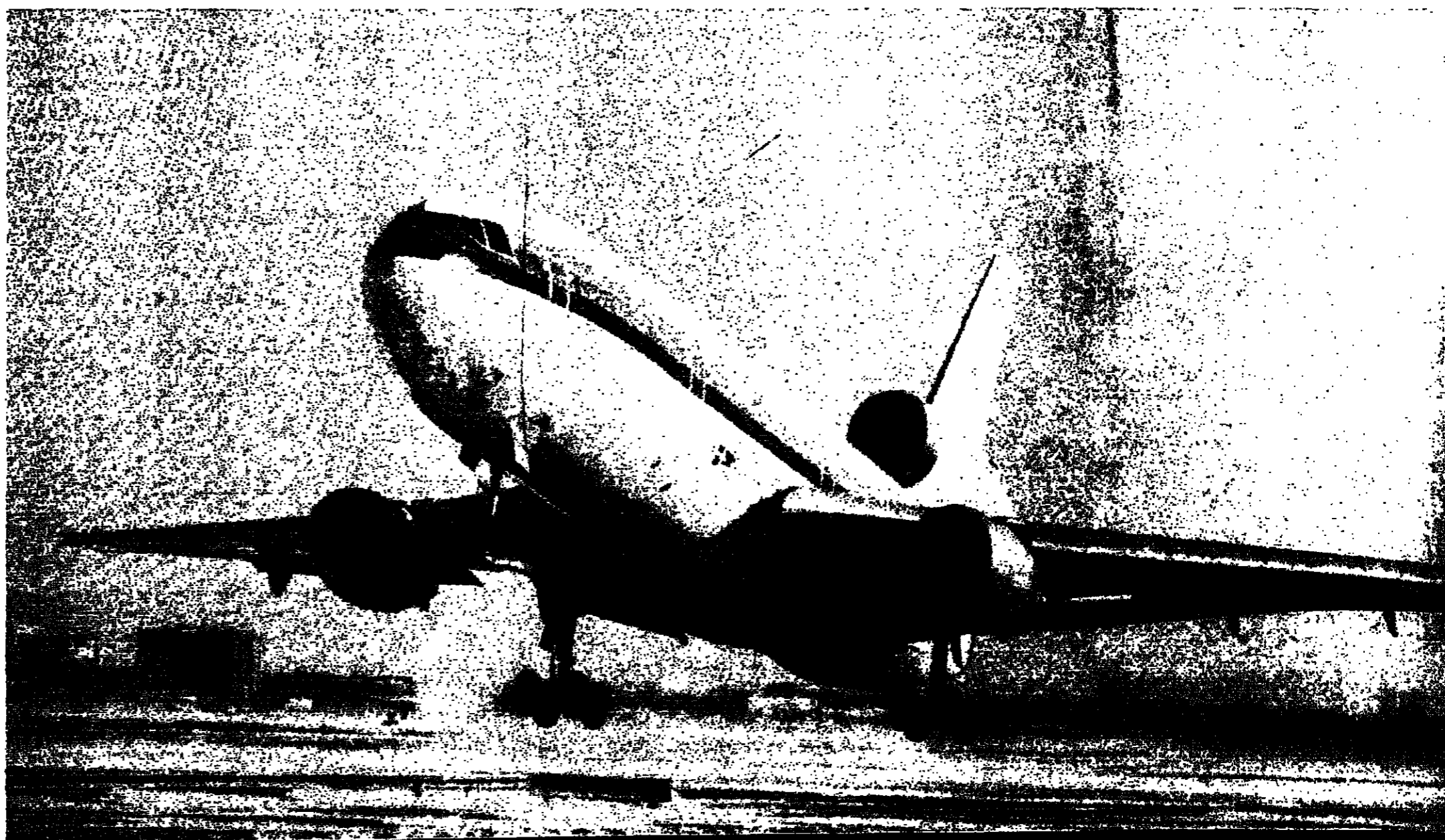
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Israel may bar EEC from Sinai force

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — Israel is likely to bar European countries from the Sinai multinational force because they have linked their participation to the Palestinian issue, government sources said Tuesday.

The decision will be made Sunday at a cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat, said. He declined to speculate on what Israel's final answer would be.

The sources said Israel was still sorting through the sheaf of different statements issued by Western Europe Monday announcing the readiness of Britain, Italy, France and the Netherlands to join the force.

The Europeans issued three separate statements Monday. The first, by the four participating countries together, was a straightforward declaration of readiness to join the force in support of the Camp David accords as a formulation Israel had demanded.

The second by the 10 member states of the European Economic Community (EEC), was less to Israel's liking since it linked participation to "the need for the Palestinian people to exercise fully their right to self-determination."

But the third statement, made by each participating state, looked unacceptable to Israel because it said the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), "must be involved in the process leading to the comprehensive peace."

Explosions rock Kabul

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24 (AP) — Several explosions rocked the Afghan capital of Kabul last week some apparently aimed at reminding members of a visiting delegation of the continuing fighting in the landlocked Asian country, a Western diplomatic source said here Tuesday.

Four small explosions occurred Saturday near a road on which delegates to the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization were to pass, said the source.

That evening, there was what was described as a "rocket" attack on the city's main hotel, the Intercontinental, where the

Pakistan may get F-16s in one year

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq Tuesday welcomed the passing of a deadline for the U.S. Congress to block the sale of 40 F-16 jets to Pakistan. "It shows that our difficulties have started becoming easier," he told reporters.

Zia said the first batch of the F-16 fighter bombers would be delivered in about one year. Formalities about paying for the planes remain to be worked out, but "if all goes well we hope that the first delivery will be carried out in about a year," Zia said. The U.S. originally planned that the first shipment of planes

Sarkis cancels visit to Washington

By Catherine Raia
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis has canceled his visit to the United States, an informed source told Arab News Monday. Sarkis was scheduled to visit Washington during the second week in

delegation was staying, the source added. There was some damage to the hotel and windows were broken in nearby houses, but no reports of injuries. The delegates, who were escorted around the city under armed guard during their stay, were out of the hotel at the time.

The diplomat also noted that there had been an explosion No. 17 at the Park Theater in Kabul.

Afghan freedom fighters have been openly battling the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul since Soviet troops marched into Afghanistan in December 1979.

would be delivered in about 1983.

The Reagan administration has rejected Indian arguments that the \$1.1 billion sale could lead to an arms race on the subcontinent, and Congress had until midnight Monday night to block it with a majority vote of both chambers. But the deadline passed almost unnoticed in Washington and no proposal ever reached the floor of either chamber.

Zia said no one outside Pakistan should be worried about his country getting the planes because they were meant solely for defense.

November. Another date has not been set. The Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, which starts Wednesday, caused the change in Sarkis' plans.

The source said Sarkis prefers to seek a solution for Lebanon through Arab initiative, rather than through U.S. involvement. The source said Sarkis supports the Saudi Arabian eight-point plan for peace in the Middle East.

Sarkis' term in office expires in July, 1982. He cannot seek another term unless the Lebanese constitution is amended.

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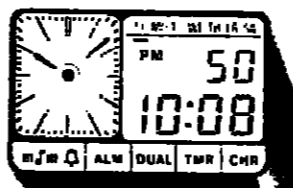
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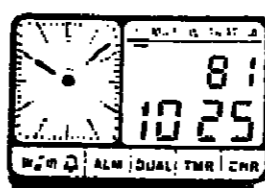
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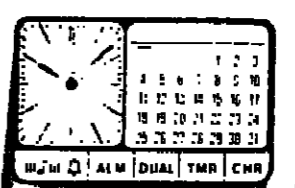
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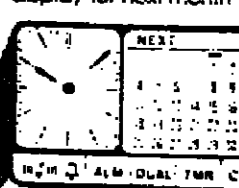
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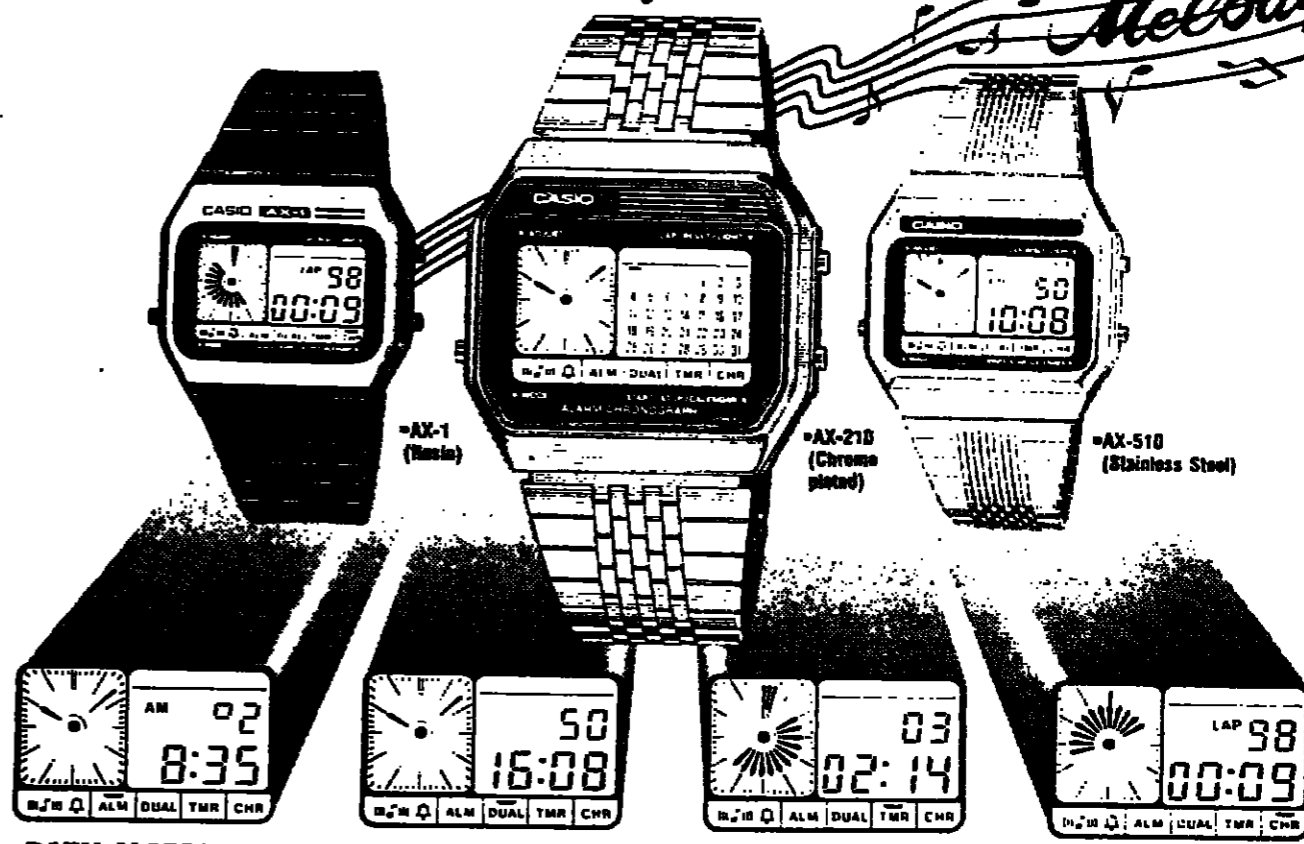
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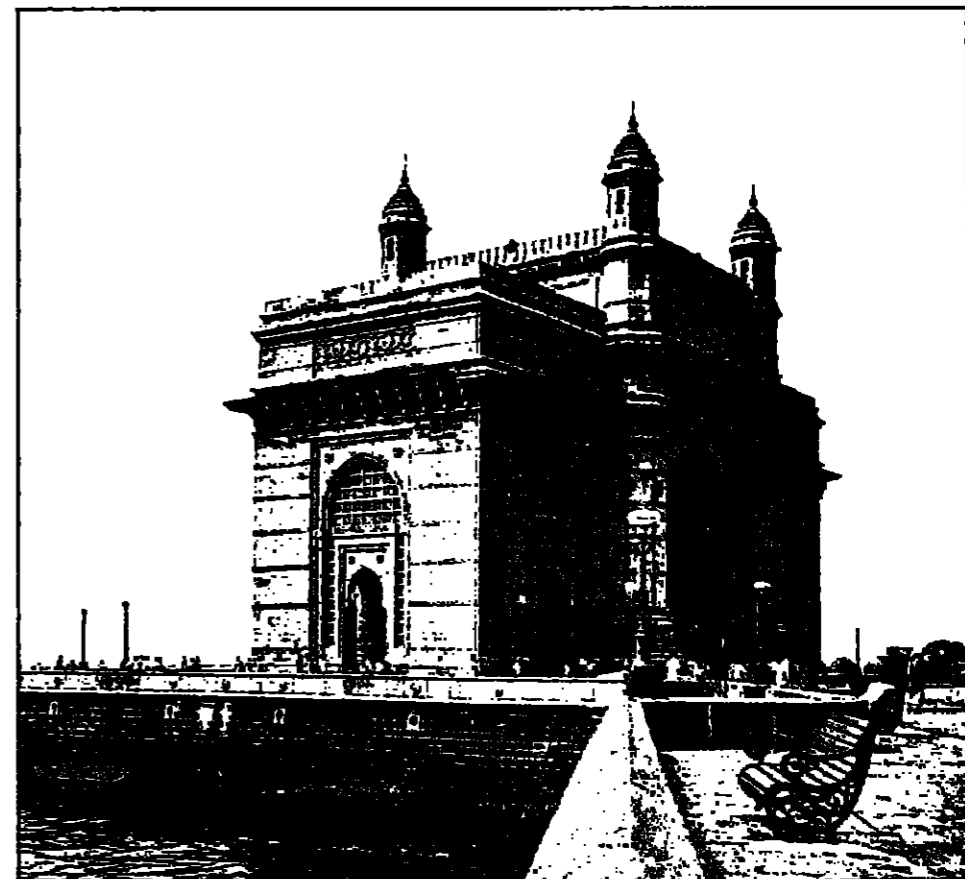
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SUMMIT'S MAIN TOPICS

The Arab summit starts in Fez, Morocco, today with most of the leaders of the Arab world in attendance. The atmosphere in the meeting of the foreign ministers, who drew up the summit's agenda, was said to be calm and deliberate. The major two points occupying the summiters are the problem of South Lebanon, and that of the Arab quest for the rights of the Palestinian people.

On the first issue, the reports are that the meeting before the summit between the Lebanese president and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, has resulted in an agreement that both sides will do their utmost to avoid creating a situation leading to an Israeli attack on South Lebanon. This usually means that the confrontation between the Palestinians and the Israelis in the south is to be scaled down.

The second issue, that of Palestine, is to be discussed through Saudi Arabia's eight-point peace plan. Here agreement from some quarters has already been obtained, while others will be requesting further clarifications. Saudi Arabia of course would very much like to achieve unanimity, as this would increase the momentum of the plan.

The one certain absentee from the summit is Libya's leader Muammar Qaddafi. It is possible that others might choose not to attend. In any case, there is certain to be no boycotting on the scale of the Amman summit last year; and this in itself is taken to be an encouraging sign.

As the Fez summit gets under way, and as the details of its deliberations begin to filter through, political observers will take particular care to note whether some of the side disputes which have been plaguing the Arab world are to find solution. This would be an important prerequisite for an effective stand on the main issue, that of Palestine.

Saudi Arabian press review

Tuesday's newspapers commented on the importance of forging closer coordination and pooling Arab potentials to jointly face the dangerous challenges in the Middle East region.

Commenting on the 12th Arab summit meeting opening in Fez Wednesday, *Al-Riyadh* said the Arab leaders are faced with two great challenges: They have to heal their rifts, and adopt and effective action to foil the attempts to exploit the current situation in the Middle East.

The paper called on the Arab leaders to unify their ranks in dealing with the Palestinian issue. "Any disagreement in adopting a unified stand on the issue will provide an ample opportunity for the Zionist enemy to reinforce its occupation of Arab lands and increase Jewish settlements," the paper added.

Al-Riyadh called on all the Arab leaders to seriously consider the adoption of the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East, as it contains the appropriate answer to all secret designs of the Zionist enemy. "Moreover, it is the only plan which can restore to the Palestinians their legitimate rights and lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state," it said.

Al-Jazirah welcomed the statement of Syrian state minister for foreign affairs Farouk al-Sharh that Syria is studying the Saudi Arabian peace plan in a "brotherly spirit." The paper felt the statement reflected the posi-

tive and constructive stand of Syria.

The paper observed that the Kingdom's plan, which is an integral Arab formula, will enable the Arabs to exercise a meaningful influence on the international community for the benefit of their faithful issue.

Al-Madinah underlined the importance and great expectations attached to the Arab summit for formulating a unified and unanimous Arab agreement based on the text and spirit of the Kingdom's peace plan to ensure peace and security in the Middle East.

The paper hoped the Arab leaders will succeed in devising a solid and firm stand to counter attempts to perpetuate the Jewish occupation of Arab lands and defeat-Israel's aggressive policies in the region.

Okaz called for sound and objective discussions on the Saudi Arabian peace plan, far from any reactions or cries.

"The issue is first and foremost a Palestinian Arab issue, which has become a victim of Arab disputes," the paper said.

"The Fez summit has a great responsibility before it, that is, to adopt a unified and integrated approach to the Palestinian issue based on the principles of the Kingdom's peace plan," it added.

Al-Bilad urged the Arab summit meeting to devise a positive stand on the Kingdom's peace plan in order to achieve the aspirations of the Arab people for a just and durable peace in the region.

Why Soviets rejected 'zero option'

By Virginia Waite

MOSCOW —

Russia's annual Rocket Day was accompanied last week by publication of a book entitled *The Threat to Europe*, the latest exposition of official views on the great nuclear debate. The two events coincided with what looked like a rejection out of hand of President Reagan's arms reduction plan. Western diplomats were struck by the swiftness of the dismissal in contrast to the traditionally cautious Soviet response to important diplomatic overtures.

It was the official Soviet news agency Tass that set the tone of the flood of critical commentaries which, so far, are the only known replies to Reagan's offer. Tass commentator Anatoly Krasikov claimed the United States was attempting to stalemate the current talks between President Brezhnev and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Krasikov wrote that the talks come "at a time when the United States is preparing to unleash another round of the arms race — and maybe even war under cover of a clamor about a mythical Soviet threat."

The Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* echoed the general theme and the Soviet weekly *New Times* flatly stated that "the United States proposals could not lead to any positive results" at the Soviet-American talks in Geneva, due to start on Nov. 30.

Western observers in Moscow had been inclined to think that Kremlin propagandists would not want to dent Brezhnev's carefully cultivated peacemaking image so shortly before the Russian leader left for West Germany on Sunday. Several explanations have been advanced for the vehement rejection of the American arms reduction initiative.

Some Western political analysts here feel the Soviets reacted this way to express their frustration at the timing of Reagan's announcement. One diplomatic source believed the reaction reflected the disappointment the Soviet Union felt at losing the propaganda lead it had recently won through anti-nuclear demonstrations in Western Europe.

There is speculation that the American proposals may have taken some of the heat off a domestic Soviet crisis, the economic and social ills of the country revealed in a dismal report to last week's meeting of the Supreme Soviet. Its members turned with relief to the nuclear debate, voiced concern "for the destiny of peace" and made passionate calls to remove the danger of a "thermonuclear catastrophe."

They widely supported what they called the "consistent foreign policy course" of the Soviet Union. What that course might be is best analyzed from *The Threat to Europe*.

The authors begin with the premise that the Soviet Union only began to make medium-range missiles after — and because the Americans had developed their nuclear forward-based systems. The mission of the Soviet SS-20 missiles is the same as their predecessors: "To counter NATO's present medium-range weaponry in Europe." The writers insist that the missiles cannot be used for any other purpose, such as striking the strategic forces of the United States.

Brezhnev has already ruled out the possible American opening gambit in Geneva of the "zero option," which calls for the dismantling of all Soviet SS-20s in exchange for a halt to stationing United States warheads in five Western European countries, but he has said he would be prepared to reduce the overall number of missiles.

Western defense experts in the Soviet capital point out that any suggestions of arms reduction depend upon what arms each side possesses, a matter about which there is wide disagreement. Soviet claims of approximate parity with the West are strongly contested by the United States.

It is not, however, from the west that the Soviet Union feels most threatened, but from the east, as *The Threat to Europe* makes clear. The authors describe the east as including "the American nuclear fleets in the Pacific, and China with its growing nuclear potential and the world's biggest army."

This giant neighbor compels the Soviet Union "to spread its forces all along the perimeter of its frontiers to assure a reliable defense." (ONS)

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By Robert E. Hunter

WASHINGTON —

"Negotiation from strength" has undergirded the Reagan administration's whole attitude toward arms and arms control. In recent weeks, however, demonstrations in Europe, skillful Soviet propaganda and unease in the United States have brought home forcefully that "strength" is moral as well as material. And the United States was clearly losing the moral — read political — battle as it grudgingly contemplated talks with the Soviets to limit nuclear systems in Europe and to limit strategic arms.

President Reagan's speech last week was a well-constructed attempt to turn the tide of the political battle; for that he deserves high marks. While visiting West Germany this week, President Leonid Brezhnev will not have the field day that was his these past few months. And the talks on European nuclear weapons will begin in Geneva on the last day of November with a clear U.S. opening bid to match the Soviet offer to freeze all new deployments of European weapons — a disingenuous position designed to leave the score at Soviets 250 (SS-20 missiles), Americans 0.

The Reagan administration thus has a good basis for meeting the Soviet propaganda offensive and for offering embattled West European leaders a means to challenge the rising belief that the United States, not the Soviet Union, stands in the way of lifting the nuclear cloud.

So far, so good. But it must also be recognized that the U.S. negotiating position on "intermediate-range missile forces" is no more realistic than the Soviet offer to freeze new missile construction.

For some time, many Western allies have pressed Washington to take seriously the idea of going for the "zero option" — elimination of new Soviet SS-20s in exchange for scrapping NATO's plans to deploy 572 Pershing II and Cruise missiles on the continent, beginning in 1983. While politically popular in Europe, even that idea would have been hard, if not impossible, to negotiate.

By throwing in a requirement that the Soviet Union also discard some 380 SS-4 and SS-5 missiles that have been in place for years, the administration has proposed a deal that will be rejected by the



U.S. arms and foreign policies need coherence

Soviets. Moscow will demand the inclusion of offsetting U.S. nuclear system in Europe, such as the F-111, FB-111, and carrier-based aircraft. In this way, it would try to regain the political high ground represented by the idea of zero-option, but turn it against the U.S. by focusing on U.S. weapons that neither the U.S. nor its allies can afford to trade away. The green-eyed men on both sides will move in, and the negotiations will be dragged into the murky world of deciding just what to talk about.

Still, as Winston Churchill put it, "To jaw, jaw is better than to war, war," and the United States can argue in Europe that it is indeed serious about arms control as well as about military buildup.

But what comes next? On the political front, it will be hard to persuade West European public opinion two years from now that the United States has bargained seriously for the zero-option but, regrettably, the Soviet Union has not played ball, and thus NATO must go forward with deployments of the Pershing II and Cruise missiles.

It is also critical that administration increase its stake in talks with the Soviets about strategic arms. A strategic-arms agreement could be important in its own right; it is also vital for the forthcoming talks

on intermediate-range missiles to have a chance to succeed. No analyst on either side of the Atlantic has yet come up with a persuasive formula for agreeing on intermediate-range missiles separate from the global strategic nuclear picture, without again provoking European concern that the United States can visualize a nuclear war limited to Europe — the anxiety that started the whole debate in the alliance on European missiles four years ago. Ironically an agreement on European-based weapons, if not imbedded in a broader deal about overall strategic nuclear arms, would raise more political problems than it would solve, and the U.S. would be back in the pickle of persuading Europeans that it is not prepared to watch war take place in Europe from a secure sanctuary 3,000 miles away.

The real test for the president's approach, therefore, will lie not in the success of the new political offensive against Soviet propaganda and European fears but in what the administration does to give real coherence to all its arms and arms-control policies — and to its overall foreign policy toward both Europe and the Soviet Union.

Nuclear weapons in Europe — and out-of-context presidential remarks about limited nuclear

war — have been the most visible source of the Europeans' concern, but misgivings about the administration's policies also have deep roots in America's economic management, attitudes toward the Third World and the apparent lack of a basis for sustainable long-term relations with the Soviet Union.

The political initiative on arms control is a first step, but it can only be one of many. In particular, the Reagan administration must begin to show persuasively that it can grapple with the complexities of dealing with the Soviet Union, across the board, for the years ahead, and especially in the uncertain time when Brezhnev and his crowd of septuagenarians pass from the scene. That means sticks plus carrots, it means giving the Soviets positive as well as negative incentives to behave, it means working with the U.S. allies on policies and approaches toward the Soviet Union that all can embrace — not a one-dimensional emphasis on confrontation at the expense of searching for areas of accommodation.

Reagan's speech must therefore grow into more than a one-shot attempt to quiet European opinion. A whole administration and a whole foreign policy must be brought into line behind it. — (LAT)

Chad threatened with new fighting

By Susan Limse

NDJAMENA —

The abrupt withdrawal of Libyan troops from most of Chad, coupled with an unclear mandate to an inter-African peacekeeping force that is to replace them, threatens to plunge the country into a new round of fraternal fighting.

The volatile military and political situation also has the makings of a dilemma for the United States, which could find itself supporting both the peacekeeping force and rebel troops.

Both Chadian and foreign observers expressed surprise at the haste with which Libyans pulled out of the capital and the eastern part of the country. President Goukouni Oueddei told reporters he thought the Libyans were "pretty annoyed" at having been asked to leave. Other analysts suggest the rapid pullout was intended to undermine the country's shaky political equilibrium.

Immediately following the Libyan evacuation of eastern Chad last week, forces loyal to former Defense Minister Hissene Habre based in Sudan moved into the Chadian towns of Adre, Iriba and Guereda near the Sudanese border. Chadian milit-

ary sources here later confirmed reports that Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) had retaken Abeche, the fourth largest town in this Central African nation, located 563 kms east of here on the main road to Sudan.

Libya intervened at Goukouni's request last December to tip the balance against Habre and end a 10-month battle for the capital. Habre retreated to Sudan and has been waging guerrilla warfare against combined Libyan and Chadian forces with aid from Egypt and Sudan.

U.S. State Department spokesman Dan Fischer said last week that "as a matter of principle" the U.S. government would not comment on reports that it has been helping Habre via Egypt and Sudan. Habre has characterized his raids in eastern Chad over the past year as attempts to repel a Libyan invasion.

The United States expressed concern over the Libyan presence in Chad and, following the assassination last month of Anwar Sadat, began consultations with Sudan, Egypt's southern neighbor, about beefing up defenses against what President Jaffar Numeiri said was a threat of imminent attack from

Libya through Chad.

The United States has now indicated it is prepared to offer up to \$12 million in logistical support to a pan-African force whose role — other than supporting Goukouni's coalition government — has yet to be clarified. Some 700 paratroopers from Zaïre have already arrived here as the advance guard of the force, which is supposed to number about 5,000. Nigeria is expected to send another 2,000 troops.

But there is no indication here whether the Zaïrean paratroopers — or any other peacekeeping troops that may arrive — would move out of the capital in action against Habre's forces or whether they would even fight them here.

In a statement issued in Paris Saturday, the FAN said it was still observing a truce declared unilaterally when Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi began pulling his troops out of the country two weeks ago. But the statement said the "rallying" of the towns in eastern Chad to the FAN should not "serve as a pretext for allowing foreign troops to intervene once again in Chadian affairs." (AP)

Victims of aging disease

Progeria sufferers suddenly discover they are no longer alone

By Cynthia Stevens

HALLSVILLE, Texas (AP) — After a lifetime of thinking he was alone, bald and wrinkled little Mickey Hays has found someone just like himself: The eight-year-old son of a South African gold miner. Mickey is an old man at nine.

He is about to meet someone who looks like him — bald and wrinkled Franis Geringer from South Africa, who is coming to the United States to visit Pinocchio at Disneyland and Disney World.

The boys suffer from progeria, a rare disease that can cause victims to age 10 times faster than normal. It kills even the most durable of them in their teens, usually of a heart attack or stroke.

"Meeting Franis is a thrill," says Mickey, rubbing his bent little fingers together in excitement. "I never thought I'd find anyone who looks like me."

A few dozen children around the earth are doomed to this limbo between childhood and senility. They can never grow up, because

they have already grown old.

Mickey lives under a hat — a long-billed baseball cap for everyday, and a brown cowboy hat for special occasions — so no one can see his bald head, and his wrinkled face is partially shielded.

"I'm going to tell him (Franis) that if he wears a cap he won't look so ugly," he says.

Hats cannot hide the growth disorder that makes him the size of a three year old, or the arthritic walk and bent posture that until recently attracted constant gawking and pointing in his east Texas hometown.

Researchers say that only one child in 8 million suffers from progeria. There have been fewer than 100 cases recorded in medical literature since the first was documented in England in 1886.

Cindy Edwards, 28, says at least 1,000 doctors — sometimes hundreds at a time at medical conventions — looked at Mickey before progeria was diagnosed from a picture in a medical textbook.

For a long time, Mickey resisted even going to the grocery store with her. Other children

would taunt him, saying he looked as though he was "from outer space." Grown-ups asked what was wrong with him.

In August, Mickey saw a newspaper picture of Franis, an Afrikaner boy from Orkney, South Africa, and heard that he was not the only living victim of the rare, incurable aging disease. The news changed their lives. They are no longer alone.

Franis, too, had thought he was the world's only progeria case.

Thirty-one-year old Magda Geringer recalls that her 3-foot-8 (110 cms), 40-pound (18-kilogram) son once asked her why he was so ugly. "It's not nice to be the only one," he said.

Franis, whose home is about 95 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Johannesburg, identified with the storybook puppet, Pinocchio, who became an ordinary boy.

When an Associated Press story of Franis' plight appeared in U.S. newspapers, Americans raised money to enable him to see Pinocchio in both Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and Disney World in Orlando,

Florida.

When Mickey's desire to meet Franis became known, Texans rallied to send him to California when the Geringers are there.

Mickey's face shines when he talks about Franis, which is often. He has been collecting gifts for his new friend, and thinking of questions to ask about their shared afflictions.

"I'm going to ask him how he crosses his legs," said Mickey, who cannot put on his jeans without help because his knees are bowed and stiff.

Veins show through the naked scalps of progeria victims and they have beaked noses, little elephant ears and bent, sensitive toes that require soft-soled slippers or sneakers. The disease does not dim their intelligence, however; they understand how different they are.

The cause of progeria is unknown, and few doctors study it because it is so rare. However, researchers believe there may be more cases which have not been diagnosed or reported.

Medical literature has recorded cases of progeria in all parts of the world, and there

have been families in which more than one child has had progeria in Poland, Egypt and Canada.

Dr. W. Ted Brown, Chairman of the Department of Human Genetics for the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, said progeria research is valuable for the study of a universal condition — old age.

Mickey's skin was hard when he was only a month old, his hair was falling out before he was two and he stopped growing at 36 inches (90 cms). He failed to gain weight after 28 pounds (12.5 kilos).

Franis' hair started to fall out when he was one and he failed to develop fatty tissues.

Linda Carney, 35, of Canisteo, New York, said she has been bolstered by publicity about progeria. Her third child, Lonnie, two was diagnosed as a progeria victim last April, and she cried all the way from Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester to her trailer home.

Doctors advised the Careys to "love him from day to day," but they know there will be no happy ending.

Still, with publicity has come some hope for progeria victims. Mrs. Edwards said the story

about Franis gave her son Mickey the courage to be interviewed by a local newspaper and, "it's changed his whole outlook ... he's much happier."

Instead of starting, she added "people will now walk up to him and start a conversation. They know what's wrong with him and that he's human just like they are."

Many progeria victims have felt isolation. Russell Ed Dufour, 10, died of a heart attack Nov. 5 in the midst of a fund-raising campaign in his hometown of Gulfport, Mississippi, to enable him to see Franis and Mickey.

Suzette Kushner, of Natick, Massachusetts, said when her son, Aaron, died in 1977 at 14, his internal organs were so weak that he often had to stand leaning against the bed all night in order to breathe.

Aaron had wanted to meet someone who looked like him.

Her husband, Harold Kushner, has written a book, "When bad things happen to good people," about Aaron's 11-year illness. Aaron was a bright boy. He would become an A-plus student whose wit made him popular among his classmates. He played the violin.

Russia lessens fishing penalty; fines increased proportionately

By James Foley

HABOMAI, Japan (R) — Errant Japanese fishermen face fewer days in Siberian prison camps now that the Russians appear to be changing their policy toward violations of their fishing regulations. Fishermen and government officials here in northern Japan say that the Soviet authorities are fining Japanese fishermen more instead of sending them to prison camps.

Fishermen returning from the camps like the one on Shikotan Island near here complained they did get enough to eat and that the guards stole from packages sent by their families in Japan.

Takeyoshi Kobayashi spent two months on Shikotan after he was arrested while fishing within Russia's 12-mile territorial limit north of here.

Kobayashi, 50, is an expert on Siberian prison camps, having been incarcerated in them five times over the past 24 years for a total of just over three years behind bars.

Hundreds like him living on the windy shores of northern Japan have paid a similar price for trespass or for breaking regulations under the 1977 Japan-Russian bilateral fishing treaty. The treaty permits regulated fishing inside designated zones of Russia's 200-mile fishing limit.

At one time fishermen went to prison for two or three years, but they are now going for

three months to a year, says Kiji Ohya, deputy mayor of the nearby fishing city of Nemuro.

"This year so far 10 ships and 54 fishermen have been captured and two ships and 37 fishermen have been returned," he said of the

Electronic aid helps students and teachers

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — Revolutionary new electronic education may replace the little red school house soon. Engineers at the Open University in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, England, have designed Cyclops, an electronic system designed, at the moment, for people living in remote areas or the disabled confined to their homes.

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10,000 fishermen who work out of Nemuro. "Two fishermen are also still being held from last year," he added.

Local officials said that over the past three years, the number of fishing boats and fishermen arrested by Soviet border guards and fisheries authorities had dropped 50 percent or more.

Before that, the annual average was 30 ships and 200 fishermen. The decline has been matched by an increase in the frequency and size of fines.

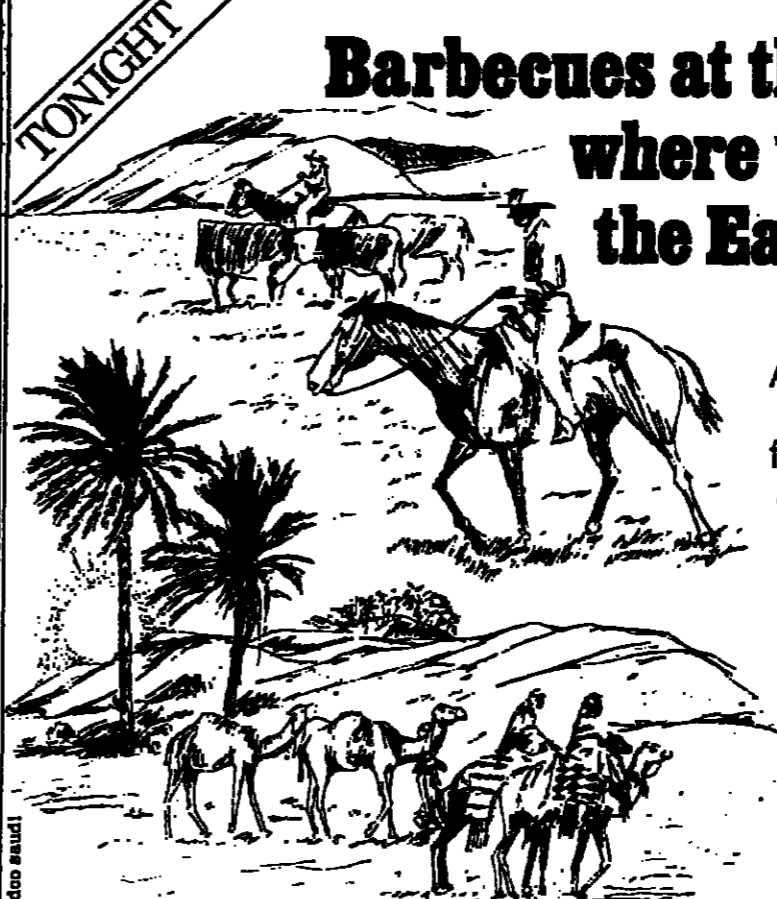
"The new problem is that since 1978, the Russians have been imposing heavy fines for alleged illegal fishing," Ohya said.

That year was a watershed for Japanese-Russian relations when Tokyo, in defiance of Russian warnings, signed a peace treaty with China. At the same time the Soviet Union began militarizing islands north of here which are claimed by Japan but which have been occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945.

According to local officials, the Russians in 1978 fined 18 fishermen a total of 40 million yen (\$175,000). Last year they exacted almost twice as much with fines on 41 fishermen.

Fishermen in northern Japan are so worried about being captured by the Russians that they take-out "captive insurance" which pays 90 percent of their fines or compensation for lost wages during imprisonment.

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Concern over armaments influx

U.S. forms Caribbean command

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department has created a new military command for the Caribbean in an apparent signal of concern about growing leftist strength and Communist arms shipments in Central America.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger announced Monday the upgrading of a small task force established by former President Carter two years ago at Key West, Florida, in what was a largely symbolic response to the presence of a Soviet brigade in Cuba.

The new Caribbean command will have no permanently assigned forces, but will be authorized to call on naval units in the area. Also, U.S. Army and Air Force elements can be provided by the joint chiefs of staff if needed.

The announcement comes at a time when senior Reagan administration officials are publicly expressing alarm at what Secretary of State Alexander Haig described Sunday as a "drift toward totalitarianism" in leftist-ruled Nicaragua and reported outside arms support for anti-government guerrillas in El Salvador.

"We have not given up on Nicaragua but the hours are growing rather short," Haig said, adding there had been "a high influx of sophisticated armaments" from the Soviet Union and its allies.

Rear Adm. Robert P. McKenzie, head of the task force created by Carter, was named commander of U.S. forces in the Caribbean and his headquarters will remain at Key West. The upgrading will become effective Dec. 1.

The command's area of responsibility will include water and islands of the Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and "portions of the Pacific Ocean bordering Central America," the Pentagon said. That will give the new command responsibility for waters off troubled El Salvador, which is on the Pacific side of Central America.

"This realignment, streamlines the unified command structure by placing responsibility

for the Caribbean basin with one commander," the Pentagon announcement said.

As part of the streamlining, the Pentagon said, the Antilles defense command in Puerto Rico will be disbanded but a Caribbean naval command headquarters will remain there. Officers and other military personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines will be assigned to the staff of the new command, the Pentagon said.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (R) — King Baudouin Tuesday asked Flemish Liberal leader Willy de Clercq to form a new Belgian government and Clercq accepted, the royal palace announced. Political sources said this appeared to hold out the prospect of a new center-right coalition of the Liberals and the centrist Social Christian Party.

WASHINGTON, (R) — White House press secretary James Brady left hospital for home Monday eight months after a bullet fired during an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan left him partially paralyzed through brain damage. Aided by his wife, Sarah, and with a special walking cane, Brady hobbled out of George Washington Hospital where he was taken after the March 30 shooting. His injury robbed him of a fifth of his brain and the use of his left arm.

RIVERSIDE, California, (AP) — A man who worked as a nurse at several hospitals where patients died of drug overdoses was arrested Monday night and booked for investigation on 120 charges of murder,

authorities said. Robert Diaz, 44, was arrested on a warrant in Apple Valley by the district attorney and coroner's investigators.

HANOI, (AFP) — United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General Amadou Mahtar M'bow has confirmed that he will officially launch an international fund-raising campaign Wednesday for the restoration of the main monuments of the former imperial city of Hue, in central Vietnam. M'bow, who arrived here Saturday, said that the UNESCO restoration program would be carried out over five years and would require a budget of \$4 million.

LISBON, (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes left Tuesday on a 12-day visit to Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania after saying that Portugal had a natural role to play in solving the problems of southern Africa. Eanes said in a statement before leaving that the trip would allow him to discuss the problem of Namibia (Southwest Africa) with the leaders of black front-line states.

Poll disfavors more nuclear plants in U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP) — A majority of Americans think no more nuclear power plants should be built in the United States, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll. A majority of those polled also opposed closing existing nuclear power plants until questions about safety are answered.

Majorities also said it would worry them to live within 10 miles of a nuclear power plant, and think the future energy needs of the United States would be better served by more conservation and expansion of other energy sources rather than by expansion of nuclear power.

The nationwide telephone poll of 1,602 adults was conducted Nov. 16-17 in a scientific random sampling. On the question of whether more nuclear power plants should be built, 56 percent said no, 32 percent said yes and 12 percent were not sure.

That represents a dramatic turnaround from 1977, the last time that question was asked on an NBC News poll. Then, 63 percent said more nuclear power plants should be built.

In the current AP-NBC News poll, 51 percent opposed closing existing nuclear power plants until questions about safety are answered, while 39 percent favored closing all of them and 10 percent were not sure.

Those results are consistent with the responses in April 1979.

Over car allowances

Mauritius magistrates stop work

PORT LOUIS, Nov. 24 (R) — The wheels of justice on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius have ground to a halt because of a strike by magistrates over car allowances.

Seventeen of the island's 18 magistrates began an indefinite strike Monday closing all criminal and civil courts, to protest against the government's offer of a 5,000-rupee (\$500) annual car maintenance grant starting in

July next year.

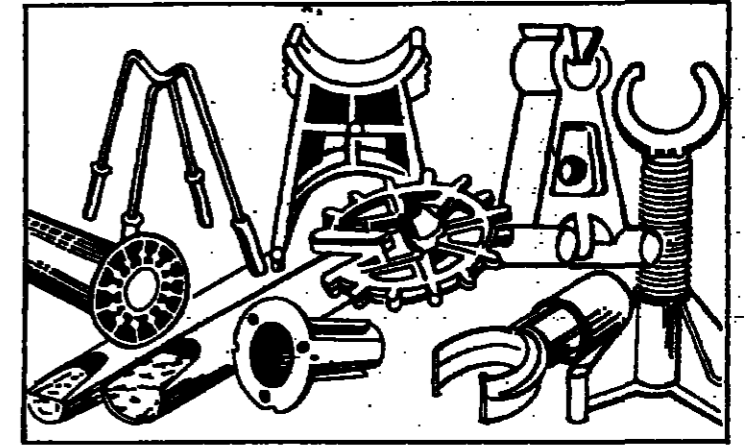
"We have been taken for a ride," said a spokesman for the magistrates, who want a 7,500-rupee (\$750) allowance backdated to April 1979 and increased to 20,000 rupees (\$2,000) from July this year.

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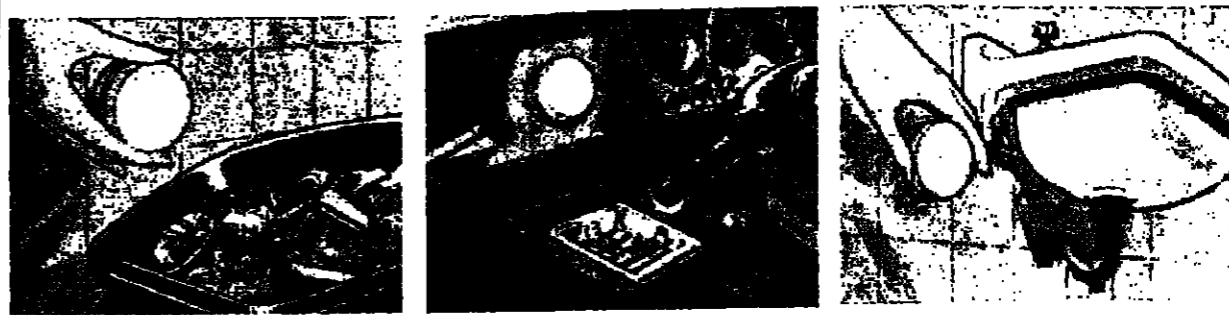
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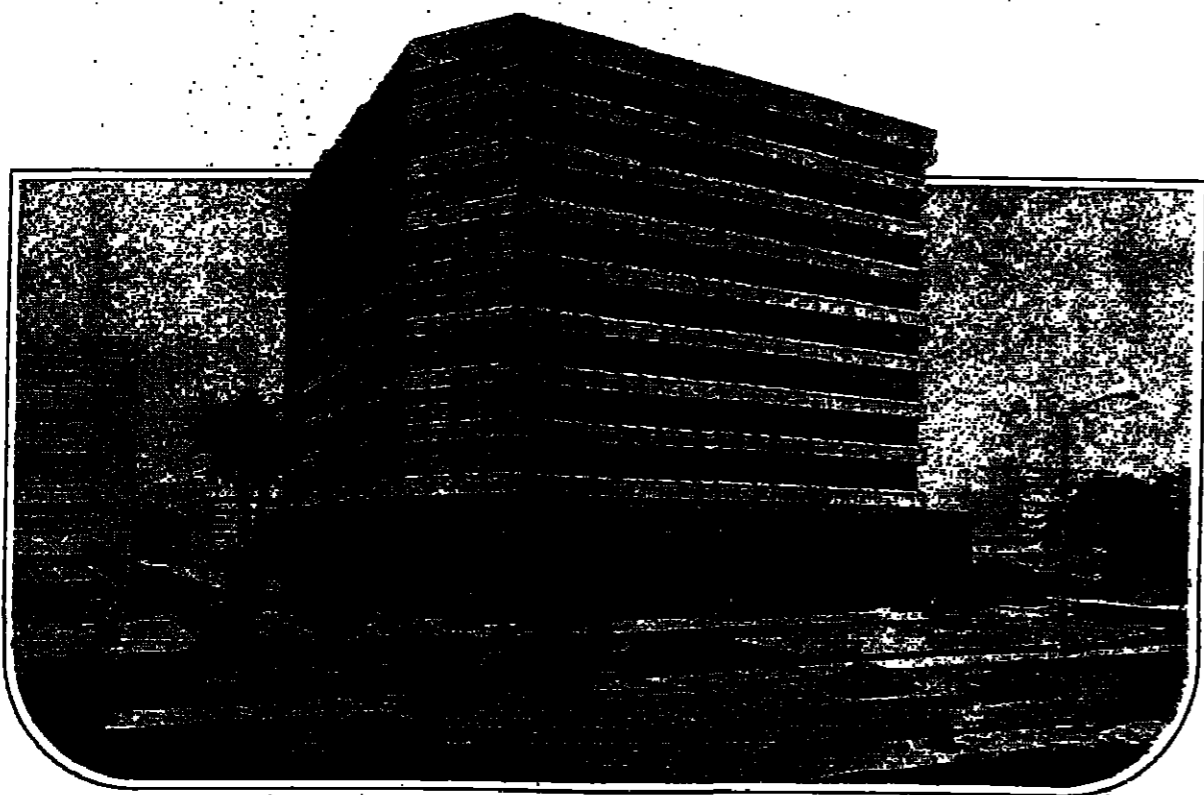
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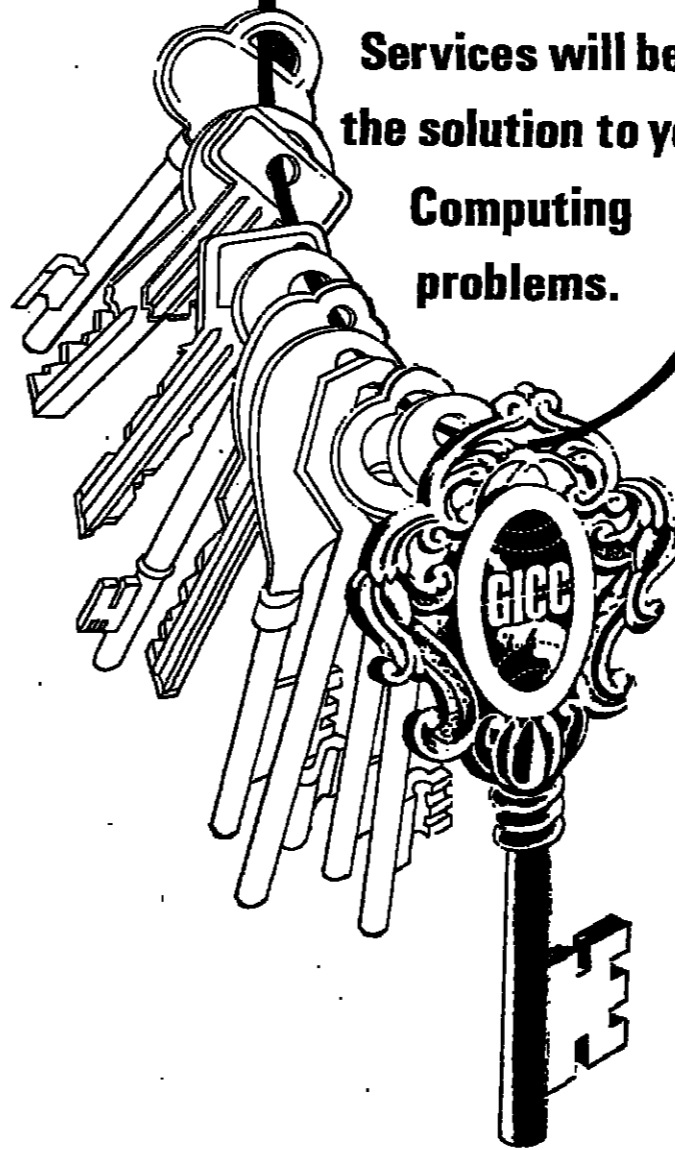
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Crisis blows over

Reagan endorses revised money bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed late Monday a revised emergency money bill that Congress rushed to him 10 hours after he vetoed its forerunner and, true to a barbed vow not to tolerate "business as usual," ordered much of the government to shut down.

Passage of the new measure ended, for now, a confrontation with Congress which triggered Reagan's first veto, the layoffs of hundreds of thousands of federal employees and the closing of all "non-essential" offices.

West agrees to reschedule Uganda debts

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AP) — Uganda's major creditor nations have agreed on a reorganization of the country's debt resulting from government loans and guaranteed credits, the French Finance Ministry announced Tuesday.

The plan will apply to amounts due on debts of over one-year maturities payable between July 1, 1981 and June 30, 1982, together with arrears as of June 30 this year on debt incurred prior to that date.

Repayment will be made by the government of Uganda over 10 years, including a grace period of five years for debts rescheduled. Payments of arrears will be made over eight years, including a grace period of four years.

Reagan was said "pleased" at the measure sped to him shortly after night fall, and he signed it immediately. Then the president headed for his ranch in California for a vacation.

But Reagan "says there is a lot more work to be done," deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes related. "He's looking forward to working with Congress when he returns."

Thus it appeared that within 24 hours of Reagan's shutdown order, the government would be back to usual business, after all, on Tuesday.

Despite the infurcation of house Democratic leaders over Reagan's actions, the chamber agreed to a Republican-drafted compromise that would reopen the money tap which technically was closed at 12:01 a.m. of California voting against it.

It was Reagan's first veto, and it stuck. A bitterly divided Congress had sent him late Sunday night a \$428 billion emergency bill, expiring next July 15, after it had toiled for days to resolve scores of differences.

Marathon set to buy more Libyan oil

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP) — Marathon Oil Co. said Monday it is negotiating with Libya to increase its purchases of Libyan crude oil, and a trade source said that Italy is considering raising its crude purchases from Libya.

Conoco Inc. said Friday that Libya had offered a reduction of about \$1 to about \$36 a barrel, "on an interim basis," in the price Conoco pays for the crude it helps produce for Libya.

Conoco called Libya's offer a "significant move," but said it was "still not competitive enough in the current oil market." Marathon, a member of the Oasis Oil Consortium that includes Conoco and Amerada Hess Corp., declined to say whether it had been offered any price concession. The Oasis group produces a large part of Libya's oil.

William Ryder, a spokesman at Marathon's Findlay, Ohio headquarters, said company officials had been negotiating to increase Marathon's shipments from Libya.

EEC council raps parliament over budget issue

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23 (AFP) — The European Parliament was rapped over the knuckles by the council of budget ministers of the 10-nation European Economic Community for wanting to boost its budget by \$500 million for 1982.

Council of Ministers President Peter Ridley, who is also the British treasury secretary, warned that the gulf between the parliament's expectations and projects approved by the 10 could be unbridgeable.

But at a meeting between the council and a European parliament delegation led by Simone Veil of France, he stressed the council's wish to reach a compromise on the parliament's proposed \$299 billion budget.

Mrs. Veil replied that the council's budget project was out of step with the stand taken by EEC foreign ministers at Strasbourg last week that Europe needed to progress. Another thorny difference that the two sides could not resolve was the definition of what

was compulsory expenditure, and what was not compulsory.

The parliament has the right of approval over non-compulsory expenditure, which EEC sources say has jumped from five to more than 20 percent of community expenditure.

But the parliament is restricted by the fact that it may not accumulate expenses at a rate greater than that fixed each year.

China takes a turn to right

PEKING, Nov. 24 (AP) — Communist China has given a major boost to private enterprise by formally calling for a mixed economy, urging young people to find their own jobs and saying the state no longer owes them a living.

The Chinese press announced Monday that the Communist Party central committee and government state council have decided to encourage more private and collectively-run enterprises.

The decision represents a major political

and ideological victory for China's pragmatic, reformist leaders such as Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

"While the socialist economy dominates and guides," the decision said, "the coexistence of different forms of economic activity is one of the party's strategic decisions, not an expedient measure."

The change also is viewed as an important way to resolve China's chronic unemployment problems. China declines to say how many in the nation of almost 1 billion are unemployed or, euphemistically speaking, "waiting for work."

The decision also calls for major reforms in rigid management policies. Some domestic critics, in an attitude recalling the 1966-76 cultural revolution ban on private enterprise, today call the blossoming of private enterprise the return of "capitalist tails" which must be lopped off.

The decision says that private enterprise has returned but still does not meet the needs of the people and the country's economy. It said each self-employed person now may hire two helpers and five apprentices. Previously enterprises were restricted to using family members and one or two helpers or apprentices.

The decision said private workers should not be discriminated against and specified that their "advanced elements" can be admitted to the Communist Party and the Communist Youth League.

Japan ups ASEAN stakes

TOKYO, Nov. 24 (AP) — Japanese investments in Southeast Asia have approached that of the United States, the top investor in the region, as Japan's political and economic ties with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have deepened in recent years, a semi-governmental trade organization has reported.

As of March, Japan this year had aggregate investments worth \$7.02 billion in the ASEAN region — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — making it the second-largest investor, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) said in a report issued this month.

The figure represents 19.2 percent of Japan's investments worldwide. The United States during the same period invested an

estimated \$8.87 billion, JETRO officials said Tuesday.

The investment survey, conducted June-December 1980, covered 2,363 Japanese-financed enterprises in the five countries. Japanese investment in the ASEAN countries totaled about 400 firms in 1970.

The report said Japan emerged as the leading investor in Thailand and Indonesia, with Japanese investments accounting for 33.5 percent and 36.9 percent of total foreign investments, respectively.

Japanese firms employ more than 330,000 local workers in the five ASEAN member countries — 50,000 in Thailand, 70,000 in Singapore, 60,000 in Malaysia, 80,000 in Indonesia and 73,000 in Malaysia, the survey said.

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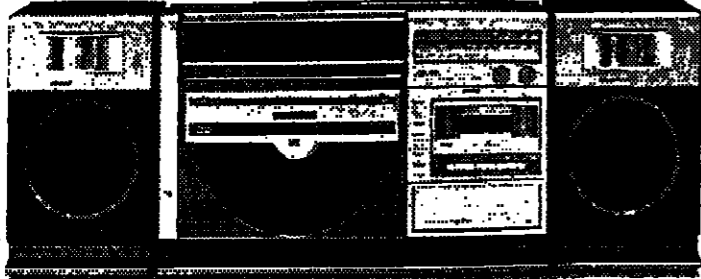


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To boost Japan's exports

France alleges yen manipulated

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AFP) — A report presented to the French Economic and Social Council Tuesday called for "compensatory monetary measures" to stem Japanese imports into the European Economic Community in the event of "deliberate undervaluation" of the yen.

Citing evidence that manipulation of the yen over the past five years had helped Japan's powerful export offensive into Europe, the report said it might be necessary to ask the Japanese government "to recognize the need to work for monetary stabilization."

These arguments were backed up by figures showing that the yen's rise against the deutsche mark, the French franc and the pound sterling peaked at respectively 22.6 percent, 41 percent and 43.2 percent in the third quarter of 1978, coinciding with a strong breakthrough for Japanese goods on the European markets.

"The conviction that the yen is manipulated (by Japanese authorities) is shared by a great number of bankers who are perplexed by the fluctuations of the Japanese currency," the report said.

The 190-page report was presented to the council — a body advising the French government of economic social policy, whose

200 members are picked mainly by professional organizations and trade unions — by Jacques Machizaub, chief executive of Roussel-Uclaf, a leading pharmaceutical group.

Machizaub noted that the EEC's trade deficit with Japan was up from \$1.3 billion in 1973 to \$10 billion last year and showed a rise of 30 percent in the first seven months of this year.

He said it was "unacceptable" for France to have trade deficit of 7,000 million francs with Japan, when last year Franco-Japanese trade accounted for no more than one percent of total French foreign trade.

Nightingale, named leading economic analyst in a poll this year by Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago, said that Reaganomics was bound to fail.

The Reagan program emphasizes tax cuts, government budget restraints and tight monetary policies to provide the impetus for economic growth.

But Stockman, the 35-year-old 'boy wonder' who led the campaign to adopt the Reagan policies, found himself at the heart of a major political controversy this month when he confided to a reporter his gravest doubts that the plan would achieve its goals, renewed U.S. economic growth with less

U.K. jobless hover near 3m mark

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — Britain's unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percent this month, to 12.2 percent, with the number out of work remaining just short of the politically sensitive three million mark, the government reported Tuesday.

The department of employment said that 2,954,414 were registered as unemployed, or 12.2 percent of the nation's 24 million workforce. In October, the number of unemployed was 2,988,644, or 12.4 percent.

Reagan plan doomed to failure, analysts say

LONDON, Nov. 24 (R) — Foreign bankers and economists share U.S. Budget Director David Stockman's view of the economic program he helped inspire — it won't work.

A Reuters survey in Western European capitals and Japan in the aftermath of publication of Stockman's embarrassingly negative opinion of the Reagan economic strategy, which he co-authored, found widespread support for his own view that he was wrong.

"Supply-side economists do not work and have been seen not to work everywhere the experiment has been tried," said economist Roger Nightingale of London stockbrokers Hoare, Govett.

inflation.

One economist in Frankfurt said of Stockman's turnaround: "This is just a confirmation of what George Bush (the vice president) said during the primary campaign (when he was running against Reagan) that Reagan economics is just voodoo economics."

Gordon Pepper, a British commentator on the monetary scene, told investors here that there were striking similarities between what is happening now in the United States and what happened in Britain 18 months ago. "One factor which is definitely similar," he said, "is the rising federal budget."

Mr. Stockman presides over a burgeoning budget deficit as the Reagan administration accelerates spending on defense. The result is more inflation as the U.S. government must compete for loans with private borrowers, keeping interest rates higher than they might be.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates lose ground

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The American dollar weakened slightly on the European exchange markets Tuesday after its relatively strong performance Monday. This was despite some indications in the Euro-dollar markets that U.S. dollar interest rates had stopped their downward slide for the time being. One-year Euro-dollar interest rates are now quoted at 13 1/8 — 13 1/4 percent, reversing the past 10 days trend of going below the 13 percent level.

Gold and silver remained depressed with gold prices closing at \$394 levels in New York, while silver closed at \$8. On the local markets, rial deposit rates remained basically firm with little change reported for Tuesday. Dealing was thin however, and once again concentrated in the short tenors of under two-months.

On the foreign exchanges, the Japanese yen helped by renewed confidence in a strong Japanese economy, traded at 216/217.00 levels Tuesday. The British pound also picked up nearly one cent against the dollar to trade at 1.9055 from previous levels of 1.8940 Monday. The pound was once again helped by rises in short-term U.K. interest rates which are now about 2-3 percent above comparable dollar interest rates. The German mark which seemed to suffer badly on Monday after reported renewed Polish political concerns, traded more firmly at 2.2440 levels Tuesday compared with 2.2680 Monday. The mark, however, continues to be the victim of bursts of speculative selling as the European markets await the Bundesbank's Lombard rate cut move.

In other currency news, the French franc

traded higher in Paris at 5.6510 levels compared with 5.7120 Monday, while the Swiss franc also rose to 1.7940 from 1.8160 levels Monday. European dealers reported that little activity took place on Tuesday, unlike some heavy dealing on Monday. Tuesday's reluctance seems to stem from the normal market cautiousness that precedes a major U.S. holiday, since the U.S. markets will be closed for Thursday's Thanksgiving holidays.

The local markets were also quiet Tuesday with dealers reporting little change from quoted opening rate levels. Most dealing was carried out in the short tenors with one-month fixed dealing at 6 1/8 — 7 1/8 percent. While the one-year was stable at 12 — 12 1/2 percent. Week-fixed came, and was dealt at, 4 — 5 percent, while overnight funds were reported to be at the 2 — 3 percent level. The rial market seems to have stabilized during the past few days, at the above levels, but once again with few actual deals struck there is no way of knowing whether the stability is only temporary or not. On the local exchange markets, spot dollar/rial levels were quoted at 3.4195-105 on opening and fluctuated between this and 3.4198-08 all day long. Some moderate demand for dollar continued to be seen, but mostly out of commercial transactions rather than inter-bank dealings.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	399.75
Paris	407.98
Frankfurt	400.83
Zurich	399.50
Hong Kong	401.56

Ozal says UAE visit a success

ABU DHABI, Nov. 24 (R) — Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal left for home Tuesday after three days of talks with United Arab Emirates (UAE) leaders on developing economic ties.

Ozal, Turkey's chief economic planner, told the official Emirates News Agency that his country had provided the UAE and other Gulf oil-producing states with 'distinctive facilities' to invest in Turkey.

His talks covered the possibility of UAE participation in communications and transport projects in Turkey and the two sides have agreed to pursue the matter

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Deutsche Mark (100)	1.53	139.50	139.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	1.40	3.75	4.13
Egyptian Pound	—	93.00	93.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	61.00	60.75	60.45
French Franc (100)	—	53.50	60.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	37.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	28.70	28.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	—	15.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.10	10.05
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.19	12.19
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	74.00	73.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	60.50	64.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	34.68
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	—
Pound Sterling	6.54	6.55	6.51
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	166.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.50	35.70
Swiss Franc (100)	1.92	190.00	189.80
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	58.80	63.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	3.42	3.425
U.S. Dollar	—	75.25	74.50
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London commodities

	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	399.75
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	424.00
3 months	439.00
Copper cash	838.00
3 months	865.25
Tin cash	8332.50
3 months	8650.50
Lead cash	332.75
3 months	346.75
Zinc cash	444.25
3 months	456.75
Aluminium cash	350.25
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Winds of change blowing, GATT told

GENEVA, Nov. 24 (R) — Despite the economic and financial problems facing them, states have started to look for ways to meet the challenge together rather than blaming each other, world trade negotiators were told Monday.

"During 1981 we have largely renounced the easy way out of blaming one another for the difficulties," said Ambassador Gabriel O. Martinez, Argentine chairman of the annual meeting here of the 86 member states in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). This was a new development and a change for the better, he said.

The world economic situation was perhaps gloomier than a year ago, but a recent series of international talks among government leaders on economic problems had been characterized by a preference for dialogue, rather than confrontation, he said. The GATT meeting, due to last three days, is expected to decide that next year's session be held at ministerial level to give a new impetus to trade negotiations, officials said. GATT's members account for about 85 percent of world trade and a further 31 states apply GATT rules in their international commerce.

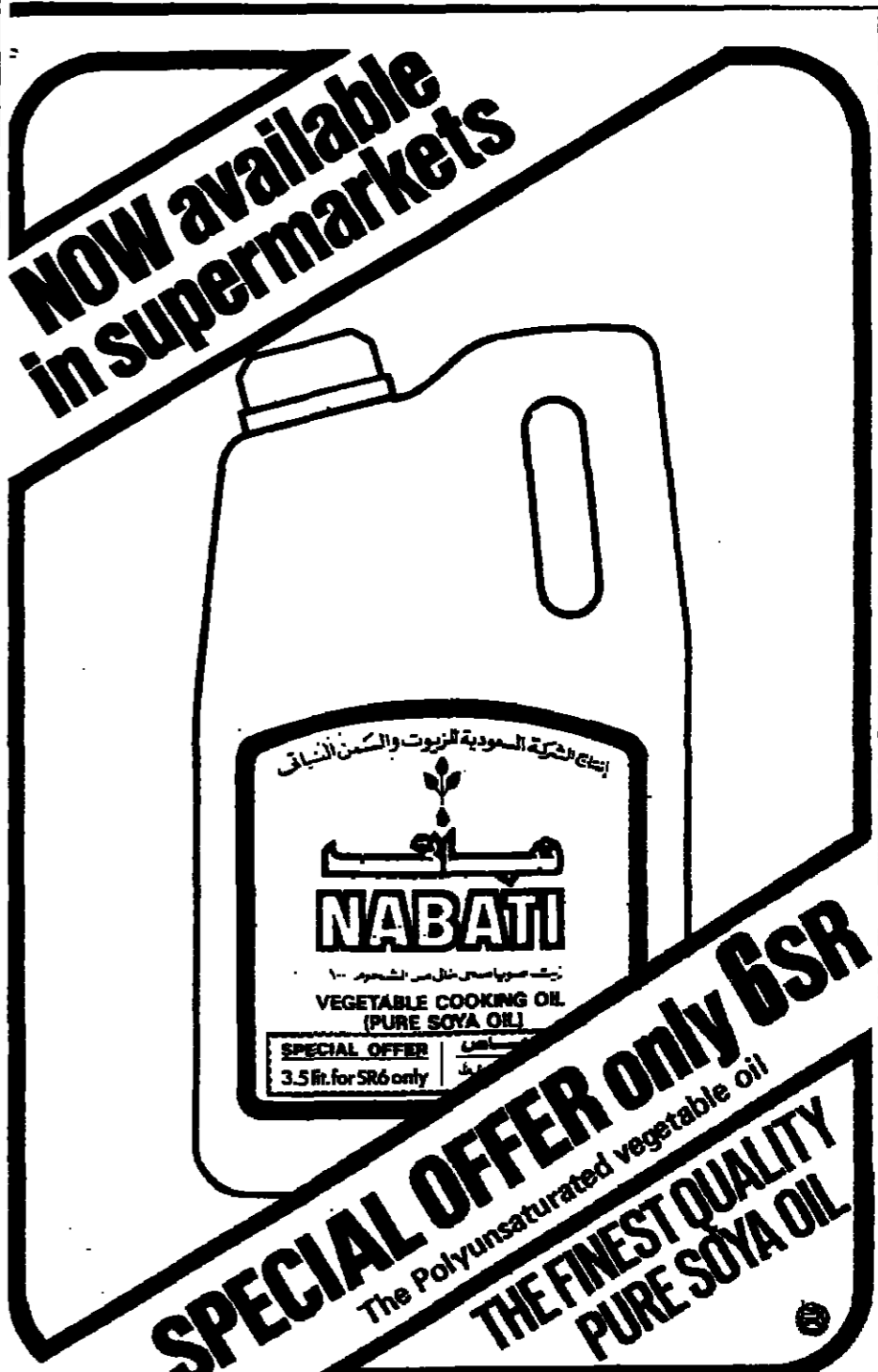
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With narrow win over Dagley

Ferreira claims billiards title

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24 (AP) — Michael Ferreira of India edged top seeded Norman Dagley of England by less than 100 points here Tuesday to win the World Amateur Billiards title.

Ferreira ran up 2,725 points during the two-day championship match to 2,631 by Dagley, who previously had won the crown at Malta in 1971 and again in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1975.

Ferreira brought a 248-point lead into the second day of the contest and was able to hang on for the victory although both players seemed to buckle under the mounting pressure, missing easy shots when they appeared to be in position for a big run.

Observers said neither cueist was at his best during the four hours of final play.

Ferreira had been in good position at the close of play Monday, but missed the first attempted pot the right top pocket when play resumed. He made amends soon after, however, by stroking a flawless break of 394 in 25.54 minutes on his 46th visit. The run ended when he missed a simple long loser of the red in the left top pocket with the object white ideally placed.

Dagley was unable to take command, however, and Ferreira came back minutes later

with a run of 245 on his 50th visit in 29.53 minutes. However, Dagley replied with breaks of 194 and 223 to trim the gap to 502 points.

Ferreira resumed the last session with a run of 114 on his 65th visit. Dagley came back strong with breaks of 296 on his 75th turn and 281 on his next visit, after which he appeared to try to slow the tempo of the match in an apparent move to upset Ferreira's play.

The smooth-stroking Indian all but iced the title with a run of 244 on his next turn, however, although Dagley made a valiant effort to close the gap with a break of 182 on his 84th visit.

Chinese gymnasts sparkle

MOSCOW, Nov. 24 (AFP) — China's women gymnasts created the first major surprise of the World Gymnastics Championships here Tuesday when they headed defending champion Romania by almost three points after the team compulsory exercises.

The Romanians have virtually given up hope of defeating the Soviet Union for the top spot after Nadia Comaneci's decision not to take part, but they were still confident of lifting the silver.

Tuesday, however, they were simply outclassed by the graceful, adventurous Chinese who scored 192.60 compared to the Romanians 189.90.

The Chinese challenge was led by 18-year-old Chen Yong Yang who chalked up 38.75 points, just ahead of China's top hope, 19-year-old Zhu Zheng (38.70).

Chinese coach Qian Kui said he was delighted with the way his team had performed, but doubted whether they could mount a real challenge against the Soviet Union.

"They are too strong for us for the present, but perhaps we can get among the team medals here and win more on the individual apparatus," he said.

Zhu Zheng could have taken a substantial lead had she not failed to control her nerves on the beam where she scored only 9.30. Zheng is no newcomer to international competition, having started at the Asian Games in 1978 and winning a bronze medal on her specialty, the uneven bars at the World Cup in Toronto last year.

The other Chinese to shine were Wen Jiawa, Ma Yan-Yong, Wu Jiani and Li Cuijing who were the only disappointment with 37.50 after falling from the beam.

In contrast to this Chinese festival, the Romanians were sadly out of touch with only Rodica Dunka, seventh in last year's Moscow Olympics all-round, showing any real form.

English Soccer

Artificial grass gets the nod

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AFP) — Artificial grass was Monday given the thumbs-up by the English Football Association, who agreed to allow F.A. Cup ties to be played on Queens Park Rangers' omnium turf pitch this season.

But the decision by the F.A. Cup committee, which was not unanimous, may not be the end of the story if Rangers come out of the hat first in next month's third round draw.

Ted Croker, F.A. secretary said: "No club will have the right to refuse to play there." But several important clubs — notably Crystal Palace and Leicester have said they would boycott the 300,000 pounds sterling (\$170,000).

The F.A. obviously still share the clubs' fear that the synthetic surface might give Rangers an unfair advantage, otherwise they would have approved it for longer than the current season.

Croker said: "The decision was not unanimous but we have said that the ground is suitable. However, this is still in the very early stages of its first season and a lot of things can still happen in the months ahead."

Meanwhile, a loophole in the FIFA rules may save England's British Football Championship game in Scotland next May. The Hampden Park, Glasgow clash is in jeopardy because both countries have reached the World Cup finals and FIFA rules state that qualifiers should not play each other in months before the finals.

Croker said "We think the rules apply to friendlies and it may be that we can argue that this game is a long-planned championship game."

Poor umpiring mars India, Pakistan match

CALCUTTA, India, Nov. 24 (AP) — Moscow Olympic champions India defeated World champions Pakistan 4-3 Tuesday in this eastern port city to even their four-game International Hockey series at one game apiece.

India held a narrow 1-0 lead at half time but forged ahead to a 4-1 score before Pakistan fought back in the closing stages to narrow the margin.

The game produced only lackluster effort from the two giants of the hockey world, with first half play confined mostly to midfield.

The second half was marred by what many considered to be poor umpiring, which overshadowed the six goals scored in the period. Both sides protested loudly, and the game was halted for a few minutes near the end when Pakistani players refused to continue play when India was awarded a penalty stroke.

India opened its scoring with a goal by Muhammad Saeed in the 13th minute. Singh punched in two goals for the Indian side and Rajinder Singh added the other.

Pakistani skipper Akhtar Rasool scored a single while Manzoor (Sr.) knocked in a pair of goals to produce the final margin.

The next two Test games will be played in Pakistan, at Lahore on Friday and at Karachi on Monday.

Fine rally by Cuba

GIFU, Japan Nov. 24 (R) — The Soviet Union and Cuba continued their unbeaten run in the men's World Cup Volleyball Championship here Tuesday.

The Soviet Union edged Poland 8-15, 15-11, 15-4, 13-15, 15-4 and Cuba outlasted Italy 14-16, 15-10, 15-2, 15-3 in the central Japanese city.

Zico nets both for Flamengo

MONTEVIDEO, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — Five players were sent off during a playoff for the Latin American Soccer Club Championship between Brazilian champions Flamengo and Cobrelao of Chile here Monday night.

The violence on the field spilled over on to the terraces when the match ended, fights breaking out among rival fans. Flamengo won 2-0 to earn the right to play European champions Liverpool of England for the World Club Championship in Tokyo on December 13.

The brilliance of Brazilian international Zico went some way towards offsetting the physical nature of the game. He scored both Flamengo goals.

The Brazilians took the lead in the 18th minute when, after hoodwinking the defence, Zico beat goalkeeper Wirth with a fierce drive.

The teams were evenly matched in their violent defensive play and before the first half was over Flamengo's Andrade and Cobrelao's Alvarado were sent off.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — Muhammad Ali got paid Monday as scheduled and "it would be hard luck if the fight didn't go on," said James Cornelius, President of Sports Internationale Ltd., promoter of Ali's fight against Trevor Berbic. There have been rumors that the fight, scheduled for Dec. 11 at Nassau, Bahamas, would not be held.

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — A world record in the seven-mile (11.3 km) walk was set here Monday by two Greek brothers during a local special track and field event. The new record holders are Christos and Aristidis Karagiorgios, who cut the tape simultaneously in 44.12 minutes. The old record of 44.22 had been held by Briton Steve Barry.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, one undisputed Alpine Skiing Slalom king, whose pride took a fall last season when he lost the World Cup by six points to America's Phil Mahre, is preparing to reassert his mastery of the slopes this season.

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Laird leads Aussies to splendid victory

SYDNEY, Nov. 24 (AP) — Australia staged a heart-stopping recovery to win the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup match against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground here on Tuesday.

Faced with a 237 total for victory in 49 overs, the Australians lost two wickets for eight runs in the first quarter of an hour of play in the night session.

Rick Darling attempted to hook a ball from Michael Holding but got an edge and was caught behind by keeper David Murray. Skipper Greg Chappel was trapped lbw for one and Australia faced defeat.

But a fighting knock of 29 by Allan Border followed by an unbeaten 117 from Bruce Laird and 62 not out by Kim Hughes gave Australia victory by seven wickets.

Australia, Pakistan and the West Indies have now played two matches each for a win apiece and are tied with two points each.

Laird, 12th man against Pakistan in Melbourne on the weekend, batted throughout the 200 minutes of the innings and hit ten fours for his 117.

He put on 82 in 73 minutes with Border before the Queenlander was run out after a brilliant piece of fielding by Desmond Haynes. Laird and Hughes carried the score from three for 90 to the winning total.

The West Indian five-pronged speed attack gained immediate success in the opening minutes of the Australian innings but were worn down by the great batting of Laird and Hughes.

Hughes' responsible 62 in support of Laird was made in 112 minutes off 74 balls and included six fours. But the win was soured by a fine on the Australians of 600 dollars for not completing the 50 overs when the West

Indies were batting.

The Australian bowled 49 overs at the end of time and each player will have 50 dollars deleted from his prize money for the game.

West Indian captain Clive Lloyd won the toss and elected to bat on pitch which promised a wealth of runs. Greenidge and his partner Desmond Haynes put on 64 in an opening stand before Haynes became one of Jeff Thomson's three victims.

In a four over burst Thomson dismissed Haynes caught and bowled for 30, clean bowled Greenidge for 39 and had Faoud Bacchus caught by Hughes at point for four.

Score-board

West Indies:	
C. Greenidge b Thomson	39
D. Haynes c and b Thomson	30
V. Richards run out	47
F. Bacchus c Hughes b Thomson	4
Lloyd c Thomson b Lawson	63
D. Murray c Graf b Lawson	5
M. Marshall not out	16
A. Roberts run out	15
J. Garner lbw Alderman	1
M. Holding not out	2
Extras	14
Total (for 8 wickets)	236
Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-89, 3-98, 4-170, 5-197, 6-197, 7-229, 8-232.	
Bowling: Lawson 10-2-28-2; Thomson 10-0-55-3; Graf 9-0-56-0; Chappell 10-0-48-0; Alderman 10-0-35-1.	
Australia:	
B. Laird not out	117
R. Darling c Murray b Holding	5
G. Chappell lbw Roberts	1
A. Border run out	29
K. Hughes not out	62
Extras	23
Total (for 3 wickets)	237
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-8, 3-90.	
Bowling: Holding 10-0-34-1; Roberts 9-0-44-1; Marshall 10-0-45-0; Garner 9-0-45-0; Croft 9-0-48-0.	

Coe, Torvill honored



Sebastian Coe

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — Sebastian Coe, double world record holder, was voted Britain's sportsman of the year for the third successive time Monday by the British Sports Writers' Association.

Figure skater Jane Torvill was named sportsman of the year.

Coe, who improved his world records over 800 meters and one mile in 1981, received 234 votes. Ian Botham, hero of England's cricket Test series triumph over Australia was in second place with 184 votes.

Bob Chamion, winning jockey in the Grand National, was third. Steve Ovett, Coe's arch rival on the track, was fourth. World snooker champion Steve Davis fifth.

Torvill had 131 votes to lead the women's section. Track star Kathy Smallwood was second with 112. Joyce Smith, first woman to finish in the London Marathon last March, was third, tennis star Sue Barker fourth, world judo champion Jane Bridge fifth.

Torvill and her partner Christopher Dewes were voted the best British sports team of the year. The England cricket team came second, the Liverpool soccer team, which won the European Cup of Champions was third.

Top stars likely for motocross

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The small patch North of Petromin will once again start buzzing with activity as the Jeddah Motocross takes off on Friday.

The season's first meet, sponsored by Saudi ADB Asphalt, SGB, Norconsult A.S. and Saudi American Machinery Maintenance Company will see Jeddah's leading stalwarts, including some of last year's winners, vie to keep their crown against riders from Taif.

Gauging from the tremendous popularity the sport enjoyed last season, the organizers are confident that a huge crowd will make a beeline to the track for the long program that begins at 13.00 hours.

British Steel keeps winning sequence

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — British Steel maintained their unbeaten run in the Jeddah Bridge League with a 16-4 victory over the KAIA-Green during the weekend.

The victory gave the Steel a clear cut four points lead which looks almost impossible for other leading teams to catch up.

There were two close matches during the week. At IAL there was only one-point difference at the halfway point resulting in a four-point IMPs lead to Mobil at the end. This gave Mobil an 11-9 victory point. PAK4 lost by 18 IMPs to KALA-White after leading at half-time by 17 points in another closely-fought match. The 11-9 win kept KAIA-White ahead of PAK4 in the current table.

Dunes beat CMPA by 16-4 in a match in which CMPA had more than their share of mistakes. Dunes now retain their second place. Armaska beat Gray-Mackenzie-Halcrow 12-8 to get off the cellar, pushing Gray-Mac to the bottom behind IAL.

The league committee currently is planning to being the 1982 league in mid-January. New teams interested in participating should call on the secretary on 6432712.

Gadusek extends Jaeger

SYDNEY, Nov. 24 (AP) — Diminutive 16-year-old Andrea Jaeger had to battle hard Tuesday before proving she is on course to becoming the world's best women tennis player.

Jaeger, the third seed, called on all her reserves in a first set thriller before downing fellow American Bonnie Gadusek 7-6, 6-0 in the second round of the \$125,000 NSW Building Society Open at White City.

In yet another indication of the useful talent on hand in American tennis, 18-year-old Gadusek traded shots in hardcourt-style rally in a first set lasting more than an hour.

Gadusek was rated 38th on world computer rankings before the start of this tournament and showed qualities belying that rating. In the end it was Gadusek's tiredness and

Jaeger's superior match conditioning that decided the match.

One of Australia's only two survivors from Tuesday's matches was defending title holder Wendy Turnbull, who had an easy straight sets win over American Lea Antonoplis.

Turnbull won the second round match 6-0 6-2 and showed she appreciated the return to a grass surface after some disappointing performances overseas this year.

Australian casualties were Chris O'Neill, who went down to American Anthe Smith 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, Queensland's Nerida Gregory defeated 6-2, 6-1 by American Candy Reynolds and Victorian Brenda Catton, who was beaten by another American, Betsy Nagelsen 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Zaheer shines in drawn tie

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Pakistan gained some valuable batting practice during the last session of their drawn match against Act at Manuka Oval here on Tuesday.

Zaheer Abbas used the time to good effect, scoring an unbeaten 91 in 103 minutes. He clutched his sore ribs continually while running between wickets but still managed to score at will.

Act managed seven for 200 declared in reply to Pakistan's first innings score of six

for 200 declared.

Zaheer was noncommittal about his chances of playing in the second Test against Australia starting in Brisbane on Friday.

Without any hope of a result, the game was called off by mutual agreement between the captains and the umpires. Earlier, Neil Bulger put some sting into the Act innings with a dashing 42 in only 47 minutes.

All-rounder Wasim Raja was the most successful Pakistan bowler with three for 49.

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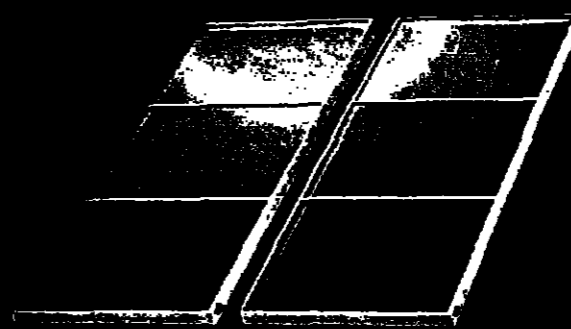
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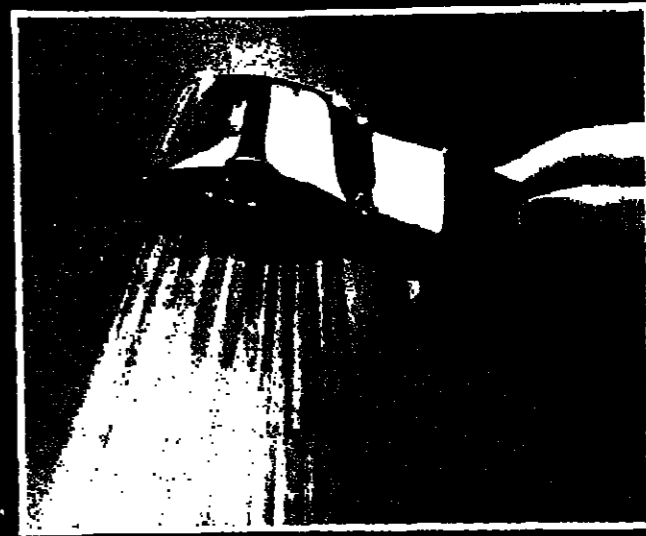
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Established in 1974 with Offices in Riyadh and Bahrain, Exxon Middle East Industries, Inc. supports the development and implementation of Exxon investment projects, assists in the acquisition of crude and products and helps investigate new exploration and producing ventures in the Gulf area of the Middle East. Mr. Hardy will head the Riyadh Office.

Current direct interests of Exxon and its affiliates in Saudi Arabia include the joint petrochemical venture with Saudi Basic Industries Corporation in Jubail (KEMYA); the Oil Field Chemicals plant joint venture with Algosabi Brothers in Dammam; a fueling and airport services joint venture in Jeddah with Yusuf B. Kanoo, a joint crude tanker company with private Saudi interests; and the marketing of Exxon lubricants and specialty products in The Kingdom.

Mr. Hardy, who is a native of Alabama, joined Exxon in 1956 after obtaining a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Alabama. He worked for several years at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana refinery of Exxon Company, U.S.A., the corporation's U. S. division, before being assigned to various positions in Exxon's operations overseas. For three years he was with Esso Eastern, Exxon's regional affiliate for the Far East, involved in organizational and administrative matters for southeast Asia. He later served with Esso Singapore as planning manager. Mr. Hardy also has had assignments with Esso Middle East including service with the Middle East Representative's office in London.

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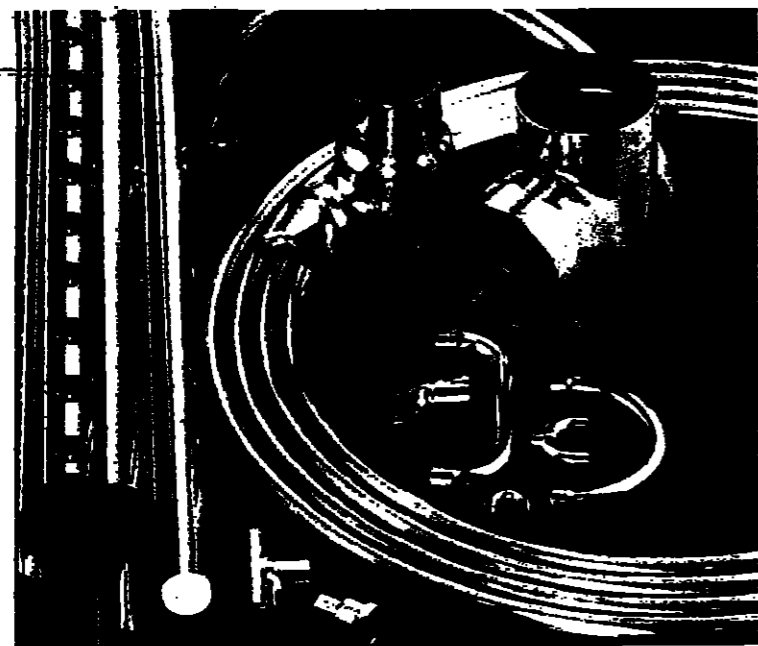
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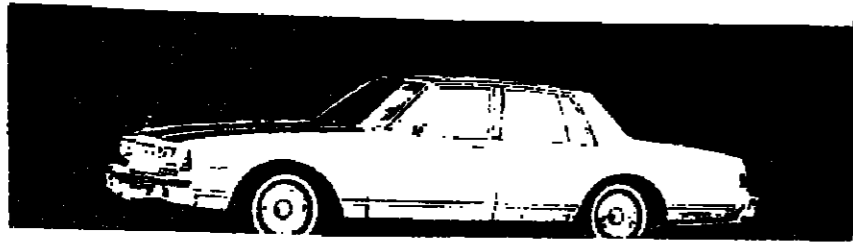
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International

Oil rigs adrift, ship sinks Storm plays havoc in North Sea states

OSLO, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — A furious storm with hurricane strength winds lashed the North Sea Tuesday, snapping the anchors of two oil rigs, capsizing ships with at least one drowning, threatening cities in West Germany, Holland and Belgium and forcing the evacuation of thousands in Scandinavia.

In an emergency rescue effort, helicopters evacuated 48 men from the British oil rig Transworld-58 before dawn after the rig snapped seven of its eight anchors in heavy seas and gales and ran adrift.

The Sedco Phillips, another rig in the same area of the Ekofisk fields midway between Scotland and Norway, was stopped by a tug only 80 meters before it collided with the Tor drilling platform. Helicopters evacuated about 50 crewmen to a nearby platform.

As the storm raged off the Danish coast, a crewman died during rescue operations after the capsizing of the Norwegian freighter Soers-trand. The ship's six other crewmen were safely brought to shore by a West German naval helicopter.

At the height of the tempest, winds of up to 130 kph per hour whipped up ten-meter waves. Even after the storm died down around mid-morning, it was feared that the Elbe River might overflow, flooding the West German port of Hamburg, 100 kms from the river's mouth.

As the storm swept Scandinavia, high seas broke dikes in several low-lying areas of Denmark, forcing the evacuation of 12,000 persons from their homes along a 60 kms stretch of the South Jutland coast and causing power failures in the area.

In Sweden, the winds caused a heavy snowfall over the southwest parts of the country. Ferry traffic between Denmark, Norway and Sweden was brought to a standstill, with vir-

tually all sea links between the Danish island and the mainland suspended and air services curtailed.

A dike on the West German island of Sylt was breached, and rail and ferry services with the mainland were halted.

In the Netherlands, where dikes were being closely monitored, high winds lifted up cars and uprooted trees, halting rail services in the north as a flying tree trunk snapped the railroad's aerial electric lines.

In Belgium, as high waves whipped the coast, all sea traffic was brought to a standstill apart from the Ostende-Dover ferry, which was continuing normal service. The last major storm to hit the North Sea in March 1980, overturned the Alexander Neiland oil rig, leaving 123 dead.

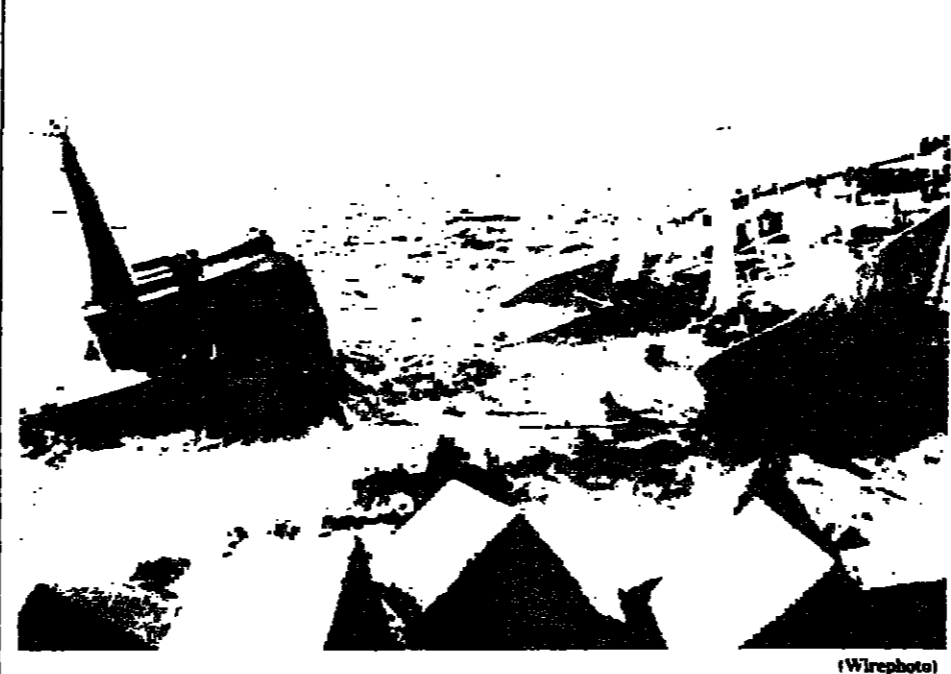
A total of 182 men were aboard the two rigs, midway between Norway and Scotland, when the gales struck. One of the platforms, with 70 men aboard, broke away from its anchors in waves 12 meters high. But the British owners of the rig, the Transworld-58, said later it was not in danger and was being shadowed by three tugs which would take it in tow as soon as the weather moderated.

Thirty miles (48 kms) to the north, the Norwegian rig Phillips SS, with one of its eight anchors already out of service, lost another in the storm but remained at its location, a spokesman for its owners said.

A Royal Air Force spokesman said in London the British rig Transworld-58 broke free from eight of its anchors and was dragging the one remaining about 150 miles (240 kms) east of the Scottish oil port of Aberdeen, the British news agency Press Association reported earlier.

The spokesman at the RAF rescue and coordination center said two chartered helicopters had been sent to transfer 42 of the Transworld-58 crew to another rig 50 miles (80 kms) away, the AUK. "Two other helicopters are standing by in Aberdeen in case it is decided to evacuate Transworld-58 completely," the spokesman said. The AUK reported the other rig had drifted about half a mile to the southeast, the news agency said.

Press Association reported earlier that the Norwegian supply rig Phillips SS, with 112 men aboard broke loose from its anchors 30 miles north of the British rig and was in danger of colliding with another rig.



SHIPWRECK: The Gibraltar-registered tanker *Globe Asimi* lies wrecked in the port of Klaipeda in Lithuania Monday as a severe gale hit the Baltic coast.

To fight Ulster's 'enemies' Paisley forms 3rd force

NEW TOWNARDS, Northern Ireland, Nov. 24 (AP) — Militant Northern Ireland leader Ian Paisley has unveiled his new Protestant vigilante group, the third force, in a military-style parade through the main street of this small town 24 kms east of Belfast.

Defying British government warnings that it would not tolerate private armies in the embattled province, Paisley marched at the head of thousands of masked, combat-garbed loyalists Monday. Wearing orange armbands, the men parading three abreast, some carrying cudgels.

"We will fight Ulster's enemies with everything we've got," he declared. "We will never surrender." The firebrand leader claimed at least 19,000 men were formed up behind him. An exact count was impossible, but reporters agreed the estimate was accurate.

The after-dark rally climaxed a day of Protestant protest aimed at forcing the British government to crack down on the almost exclusively Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army — blamed for the killings of 10 Protestants this month and a bomb explosion in London earlier Monday — and to end cooperation talks with the Catholic-dominated Irish Republic.

Thirty thousand British troops and police were on alert, but they kept a low profile throughout the day and reported no violence in the province.

At Newtownards, Paisley declared: "We demand a new security policy... The IRA has got to be exterminated from Ulster... I say to the security forces, if you aren't to do the job, we'll do it ourselves."

Calling British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher a "liar" and a "traitor," he added, "we shall fight the London-Dublin summit talks."

Paisley said he was launching a recruiting drive for the third force aimed at attracting 100,000 volunteers in all.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, James Prior, has warned the British government will use its "full force" to prevent the setting up of any private armies in Northern Ireland.

But addressing the throng, John McQuade, veteran loyalist from Belfast's Shankill Road Protestant stronghold and a top Paisley lieutenant, said "all-out war" would be waged on the IRA. "The IRA should be shot on sight," he declared.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in the province and reunite it with the Irish Republic under socialist rule.

Ukrainians bomb 2 Soviet vehicles

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AFP) — Responsibility for a fire bomb attack that destroyed two Soviet Embassy vehicles parked in a Paris street early Tuesday has been claimed by a group named after a Ukrainian nationalist murdered 22 years ago.

An anonymous phone call to Agence France Presse just after the bombing claimed it had been carried out "to commemorate the rebirth of the Ukraine". The caller claimed to be speaking for what sounded to be the "Bande des Rats" (the rat pack) a designation whose link with the Ukrainian nationalist cause was not at first clear.

A check with records, however, showed the reference to be to the Ukrainian nationalist militant Eienne Bandera — a surname with identical pronunciation to "Bande des Rats".

Bandera, who in the 1930s was active in the cause of Ukrainian independence, was put in charge of a Ukrainian force by the Nazi armies of occupation. Disillusioned by his masters, he was accused by them of treason and deported at the end of World War II. In October 1959 he was shot dead by an unidentified assailant in Munich.

Man leaps from jet into legend and nowhere

SEA FILE, Washington, Nov. 24 (AP) — D.B. Cooper, who jumped into legend by jumping out of the back of a jetliner with \$200,000, probably was an aging, bumbling crook with nothing left to lose, says the man who tracked the myth for a decade.

Dressed in a dark business suit, white shirt, narrow tie and loafers, Cooper disappeared literally into thin air the night of Nov. 24, 1971, somewhere over southwest Washington state. He parachuted out the back of a Boeing 727 with a bank bag stuffed with \$20 bills strapped to his body.

He became the first, and only, "successful" parachute skyjacker in U.S. history. His notoriety helped lead to elaborate airport security systems and redesign of the three-engine 727 so the rear door cannot be opened in flight.

"It's conjecture, but I think he was a stupid, desperate a brutal, unscrupulous man who endangered the lives of more than 40 people for money and caused his own death," says Ralph Himmelsbach, the Federal Bureau of Investigation agent assigned to the Cooper case until he retired last year.

"He was very likely an ex-con who was going to make one last, desperate go for the big one," the 56-year-old Himmelsbach said. "If he made it, fine. If not, he probably felt he had very little to lose."

The FBI believes Cooper's skeleton lies somewhere in the thick forests of southwest Washington. Conceivably, agents say, Cooper is buried under tons of volcanic ash because 390 square kilometers of the search area was covered by Mount St. Helens' eruption last year.

No one can prove Cooper is not living a smug life of anonymity somewhere, enjoying the fruits of his air piracy.

The case remains the FBI's only major unsolved skyjacking — and his disappearing act is celebrated in twangy song. T-shirts, an annual celebration in the tiny town of Ariel, Washington, and a new movie.

To publicize the movie, *The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper*, Universal Studios offered \$1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Cooper, which probably was not his real name. The studio still has the money.

His start as a folk hero began when a "Dan Cooper" bought a one-way ticket on Northwest Airlines flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle.

Moments after takeoff, Cooper handed a stewardess a hand-written note: Announcing the skyjacking and demanding \$200,000 and four parachutes. He also opened his briefcase and showed her what she later said looked like a bomb.

Instructions were radioed to the ground and, while the plane circled Seattle-Tacoma Airport, money and parachutes were rounded up. Cooper chain-smoked filter cigarettes during the negotiations.

In Seattle, the 36 passengers and two stewardesses got off, while one stewardess and three cockpit crewmen stayed aboard. Cooper became filglet as refueling took too long and told the stewardess: "Let's get this circus on the road."

The plane took off for Reno, Nevada, at 7:37 p.m., while a storm raged outside. Cooper was alone in the passenger section and the crew remained in the cockpit. At 8:11 p.m., the crew noticed a drip in cabin pressure, indicating the rear door was opened.

FBI agents who came aboard in Reno found no trace of Cooper, and a legend was born.

In February 1980, an 8-year-old boy picnicking with his family along the Columbia River west of Vancouver, Washington, unearthed packets of rotting \$20-bills, which proved to be \$5,880 of Cooper's loot.

A hunter on a road near Castle Rock found a placard which had been ripped from the plane's stairwell when Cooper jumped Himmelsbach said.

He said Cooper bailed out while the plane was traveling at almost 325 kph at 3,000 meters (10,000 feet), where the temperature was minus 22 C (minus 7 F) and the wind chill factor a minus 56 (minus 69 F) on a stormy night.

Cooper jumped with two parachutes — an emergency chute in front that was "by simple, honest error" defective, and a small sport chute in back that would land a novice sky-diver "fast and hard," Himmelsbach said.

Some people like to think Cooper lives, such as sponsors of the annual "D.B. Cooper Festival" in Ariel, a town of two buildings near where Cooper is thought to have jumped. Once a year hundreds of people crowd into the Ariel store and tavern to buy T-shirts and trade Cooper theories.

"I think he got away because they didn't find anything but the money and who's to say he didn't drop it to lead them off the trail," says Laurel Fisher, who owns the store-tavern with her husband, Dave, president of the D.B. Cooper Fan Club.

Strikes hit campuses in Poland

WARSAW, Nov. 24 (AFP) — More than a half million Polish students and teachers started a general strike Tuesday and occupied colleges and universities to push parliament to adopt an education reform bill providing for more autonomy.

Tuesday's mass action backed up protests by students already occupying several universities and colleges for the past week.

The education bill calls for the creation of governing senates, with student and faculty representatives, at institutions of higher learning to allow them more autonomy. It also sanctions a broader range of opinions in universities.

The bill was worked out in March by negotiators from universities and the Higher Education Ministry. On government urging, however, it was later modified to strengthen the principles of a central authority and ideological unity.

Meanwhile, all universities — with the minister's approval — decided to implement the original provisions of the bill for the 1981-1982 school year except for the engineering college in Radom, 100 kms south of Warsaw.

The election of Radom's rector according to the old rules triggered a student strike on Oct. 26. Their protest gained support and gradually spread throughout the country.

Tuesday's strike was backed by the Association of Independent Students (NZS), which is linked to the independent Solidarity union, the former official Polish Students Socialist Union (SZSP), and the university employees chapter of Solidarity.

All attempts at a compromise have so far failed. On Friday, however, the minister of higher education made a conciliatory gesture by submitting the bill to parliament in its original form, with an addendum listing the government's position.

A parliamentary committee is scheduled to examine the bill Friday before it is submitted to the full parliament. As far as the Radom rector is concerned, new elections are to be held in January.

The university problem is complicated by the entry of new students on the job market. The labor minister recently conceded that in 1981, 60,000 of the 440,000 graduates were unable to find jobs.

Solidarity officials in Warsaw also reported that farmers had begun new sit-ins to protest agricultural policies. They said taxi drivers throughout Poland were on a strike alert to pressure the government to talk with them about gasoline shortages.

Warsaw shopkeepers were threatening to strike Wednesday to demand better police protection and to protest media reports blaming them for food shortages.

Meanwhile, PAP reported a man claiming to be armed with explosives tried to hijack a Lot airliner on a domestic flight from Gdansk to Warsaw. It said the attempt, the 12th this year, was thwarted, but the would-be hijacker slipped out and escaped when it landed at its destination.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Some jokes — old and new.

There was this man in the supermarket who wanted to buy only half a cabbage. Could they please cut one in half for him? The saleswoman said she'd have to ask the manager. He walked behind her as she went to do so, something she didn't notice.

As she found the manager she said to him, "there's a fool who wants a cabbage cut in half." Then she looked behind, saw the man standing there, and added brightly "and luckily this gentleman just came in asking for half a cabbage so we've no problem..."

Then there was this lady told by her doctor she must go on a diet. "Don't worry," she's told, "this is a special diet containing all the kinds of food you like. And here's the list of the kinds of food you like..."

And the three mothers who sat there boasting about their children. "My son is sure to become a lawyer," she said. "He keeps arguing with me all the time. Oh, if you can only hear him argue!"

"My son is sure to become an engineer," said the other. "You should see how he takes his toys to pieces then puts them together again!"

"And mine is a doctor — and that's certain. Everytime I ask him to come to the house he refuses utterly..."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Uranium unit in Australia faces closure

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 24 (AP) — Only four days after its official opening, authorities Tuesday demanded the closure of Australia's new and largest uranium treatment plant.

The action was taken by the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy after learning that environmental guidelines were breached at the Ranger Uranium Project — worth \$350 million — in the Alligator's River region, 220 kms east of Darwin.

The territory's mines and energy minister, Ian Tuxworth, said the uranium treatment plant's tailings dam had not been fully covered by water — in breach of environmental regulations.

British consulate escapes big blast

HAMBURG, West Germany, Nov. 24 (AP) — The British consulate in this north German port escaped major damage early Tuesday when the detonator on a bomb hidden in the building malfunctioned, police said.

Britain's ambassador to West Germany, Sir Rock Taylor, was spending the night in the mission, authorities added.

Police said the 10-kilogram device was apparently supposed to have gone off about 3:25 a.m. local time, but the detonator failed. The explosive was contained in a red gas can hidden in a briefcase left at the front of the building. Officials said the device caused a small amount of damage when the fuse began to ignite.

Kyprianou visits Sofia

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 24 (AP) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou arrived here Tuesday for an "official and friendly visit" at the invitation of Bulgarian President and Communist Party chief Todor Zhivkov, the state news agency BTA reported.

Kyprianou is scheduled to visit Hungary, France, the United States and Greece.

Kyprianou has stated the main purpose of his 17-day trip will be to solicit support from the states he is visiting for a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Peking doubts worth of arms control talks

HONG KONG, Nov. 24 (R) — China said Tuesday it was dangerous to pin hopes for peace on U.S.-Soviet talks starting in Geneva on Nov. 30 on nuclear arms control in Europe.

The official New China News Agency said in a commentary it seemed possible for Washington and Moscow to reach a common assessment in the talks of their destructive capabilities.

It said it was insufficient to rely on the strength of the United States or the combined strength of the United States and Europe to defend world peace. "Only by uniting all peace-loving countries can Moscow's strategic plan be upset and world peace safeguarded," it said.

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Typhoon hits Philippines; 2 killed

MANILA, Nov. 24 (AP) — Typhoon Irma slammed into the Philippines' main island of Luzon Tuesday, killing two persons, blowing down houses and trees and triggering massive floods, authorities said.

The National Disaster Coordination Center said two persons were reported crushed to death as their house was uprooted in Mindoro, an island off Batangas province where at least 60 other houses were reported blown down.

The center said the homes of 9,630 families in Cavite and Batangas provinces were flooded, but it could not immediately tell the number of people affected by floods that also hit several towns on the shores of Laguna de Bay, a lake 24 kms south of Manila.

Chief weather forecaster Amado Pineda said the typhoon weakened just before it hit land on Luzon's eastern coast about 144 kms northeast of Manila. It headed west-northwest toward central Luzon at 26 kph.

The Typhoon had peak winds of 128 mph (205 kph), down from its original gusts of up to 150 mph (240 kph), Pineda said. Had it not weakened would have been the second-most powerful typhoon to hit the Philippines in more than a decade, after a typhoon locally dubbed "Sening" which killed 575 persons in 1970.

In Manila, where the typhoon caused widespread power failures, three ships anchored in Manila bay were driven aground just behind a seaside luxury hotel.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos ordered the closure of all government offices in affected areas, including metropolitan Manila, and private offices sent their employees home as early as mid-day. Classes in the affected areas were to remain suspended Wednesday, the government said.

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